TOMMY GETS THE KEYS

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CHAPTER I
THE THRILL OF WATCHING SKILLED DRIVERS RACING AGAINST TIME AND DANGER APPEALS TO NEARLY EVERYONE -- AND THE JOHNSON FAMILY IS NO EXCEPTION. MOTHER, DAD, BETTY AND TOMMY HAVE COME TO SEE THE STOCK-CAR RACES, WHERE A NEW CHAMPION IS ABOUT TO BE CROWNED. AS OUR STORY OPENS, THE WINNER ROARS ACROSS THE FINISH-LINE AS THE CROWD COMES TO ITS FEET AND CHEERS...
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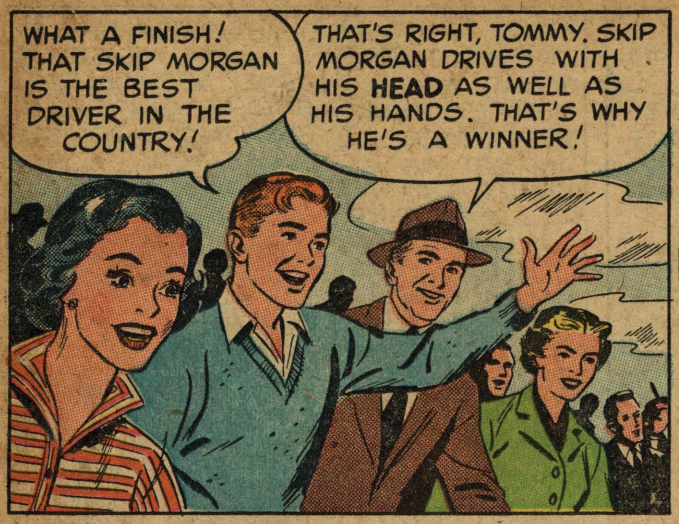
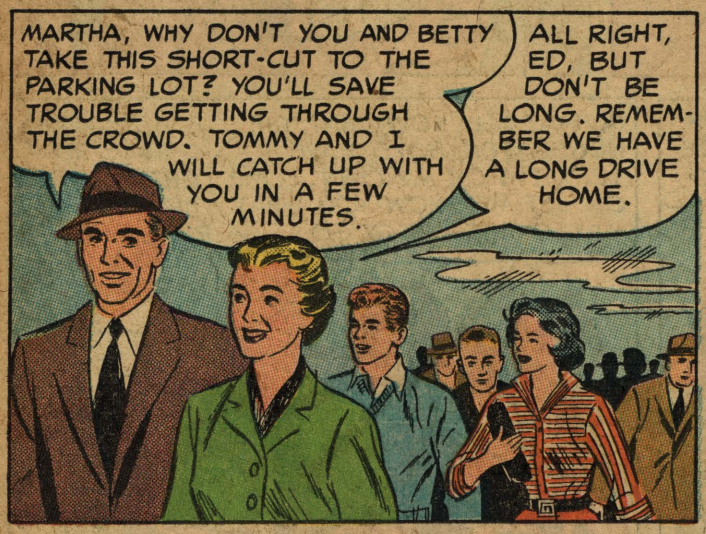

WHAT A FINISH! THAT SKIP MORGAN IS THE BEST DRIVER IN THE COUNTRY!
THAT'S RIGHT, TOMMY. SKIP MORGAN DRIVES WITH HIS **HEAD** AS WELL AS HIS HANDS. THAT'S WHY HE'S A WINNER!

I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM... MAYBE HE COULD GIVE ME SOME TIPS ON HOW TO BE A RACING DRIVER.


MARTHA, WHY DON'T YOU AND BETTY TAKE THIS SHORT-CUT TO THE PARKING LOT? YOU'LL SAVE TROUBLE GETTING THROUGH THE CROWD. TOMMY AND I WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU IN A FEW MINUTES.
ALL RIGHT, ED, BUT DON'T BE LONG. REMEMBER WE HAVE A LONG DRIVE HOME.

HEY, DAD, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
TO SEE A FRIEND OF MINE-- I THINK YOU'LL ENJOY MEETING HIM.

GOSH, DAD, THIS IS THE **SPEEDWAY.** ARE YOU **SURE** IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR US TO --
HERE WE ARE! NOW -- LOOK OVER THERE. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT FELLOW STANDING NEXT TO THE RED CAR? THE ONE HAVING THE PICTURE TAKEN?
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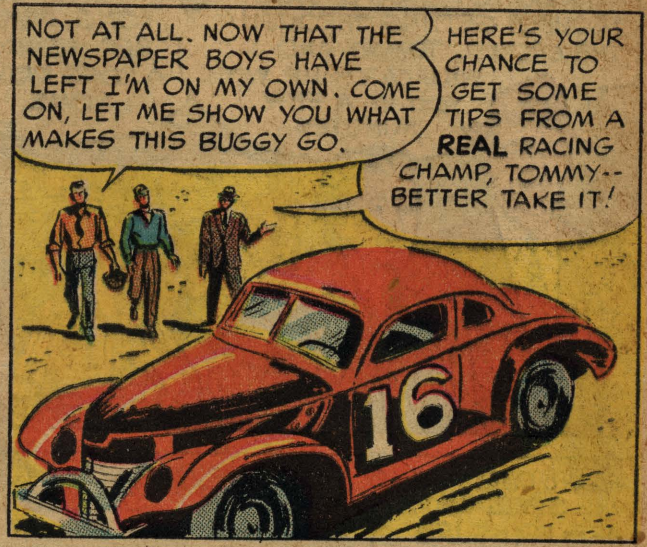
WELL, IF IT ISN'T ED JOHNSON! COME A LITTLE CLOSER, ED, AND GET YOUR PICTURE IN THE MORNING PAPERS!
SKIP MORGAN -- THE NEW STOCK-CAR RACING CHAMPION!

SURE IS GOOD TO SEE YOU, ED! HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU SINCE I LEFT THE SERVICE STATION!
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN, SKIP! AND I **STILL** SAY YOU'RE THE BEST MECHANIC I EVER HAD.

DON'T TELL ME THIS IS 'LITTLE' TOMMY WHO USED TO CRAWL UNDER CARS AND GET HIS HANDS AND FACE DIRTY!
SAME BOY, DIFFERENT SIZE! TOMMY'S STILL CRAZY ABOUT CARS. SAYS HE WANTS TO BE A RACING DRIVER LIKE **YOU.**

WELL, THANKS, TOMMY, THAT'S A NICE COMPLIMENT. MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT 'WHIZZER,' MY RACING CAR.
GOSH, YES, IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY.


NOT AT ALL. NOW THAT THE NEWSPAPER BOYS HAVE LEFT I'M ON MY OWN. COME ON, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT MAKES THIS BUGGY GO.
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET SOME TIPS FROM A **REAL** RACING CHAMP, TOMMY-- BETTER TAKE IT!
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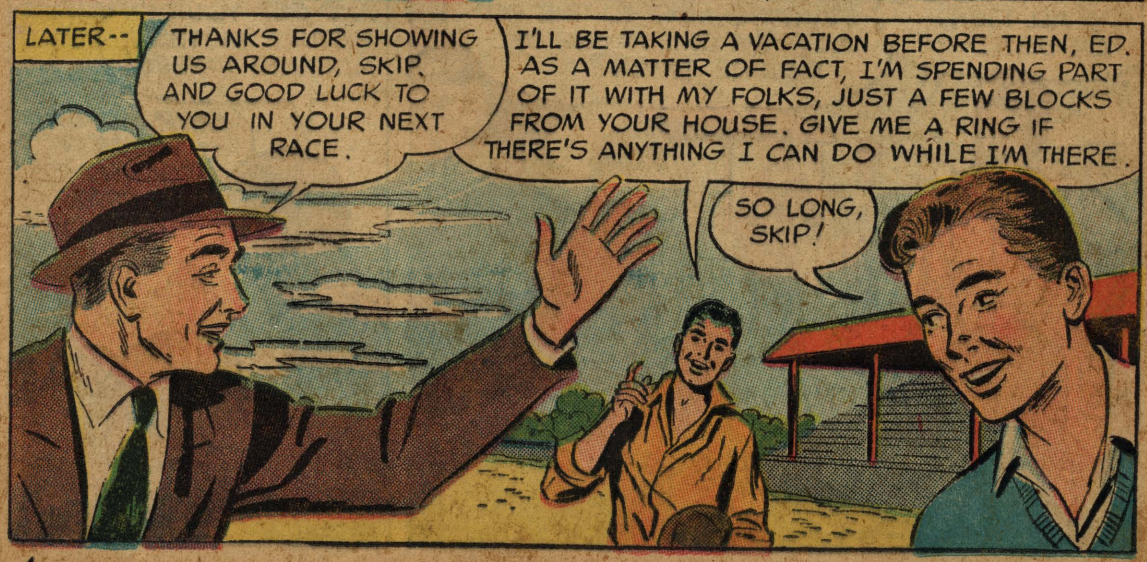
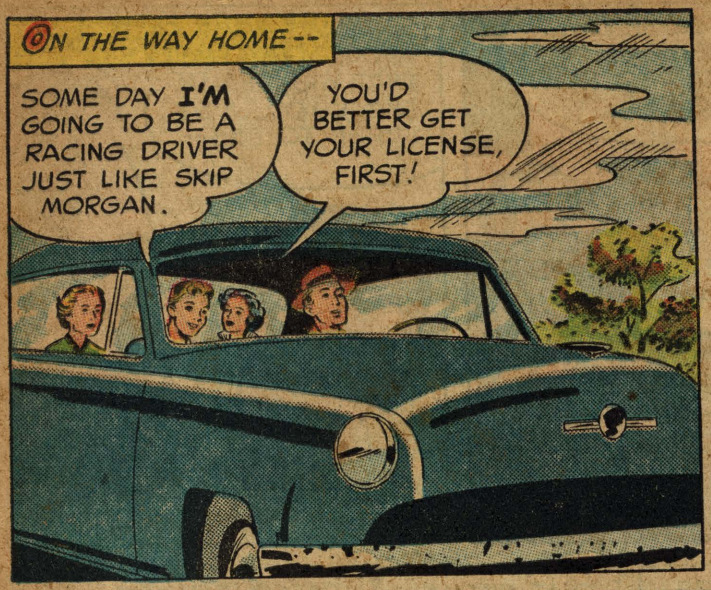
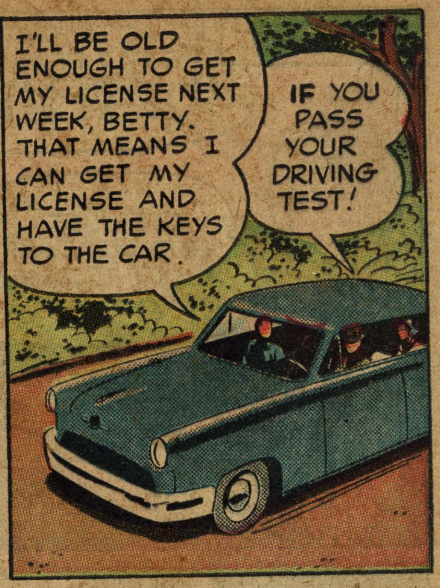
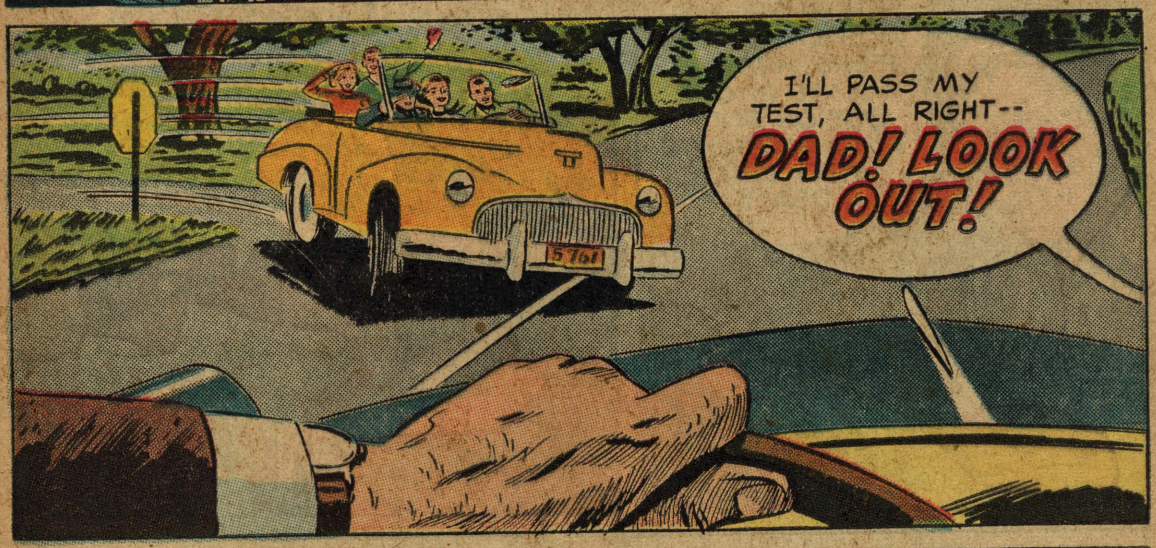
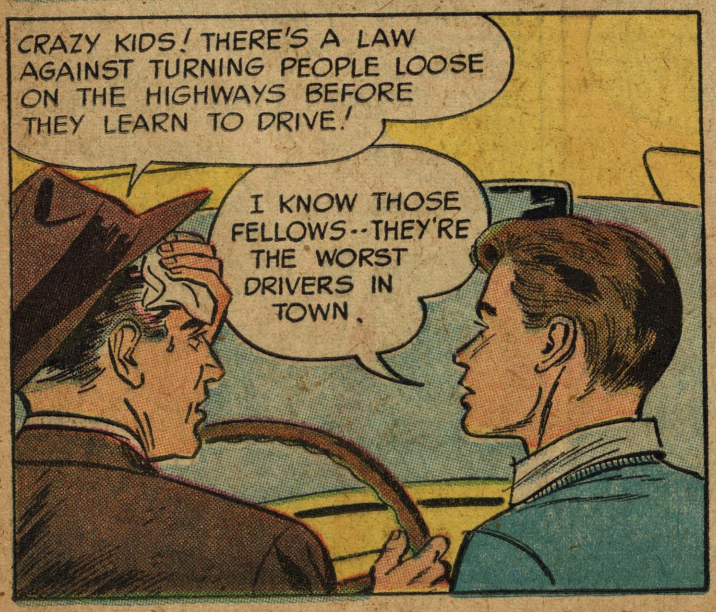

LATER--
THANKS FOR SHOWING US AROUND, SKIP, AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU IN YOUR NEXT RACE.
I'LL BE TAKING A VACATION BEFORE THEN, ED. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M SPENDING PART OF IT WITH MY FOLKS, JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM YOUR HOUSE. GIVE ME A RING IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO WHILE I'M THERE.
SO LONG, SKIP!

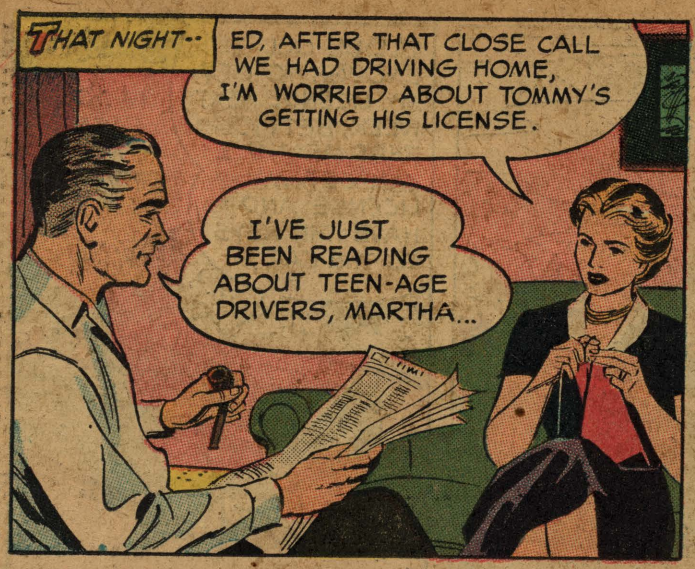

ON THE WAY HOME--
SOME DAY I'M GOING TO BE A RACING DRIVER JUST LIKE SKIP MORGAN.
YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR LICENSE, FIRST!


I'LL BE OLD ENOUGH TO GET MY LICENSE NEXT WEEK, BETTY. THAT MEANS I CAN GET MY LICENSE AND HAVE THE KEYS TO THE CAR.
IF YOU PASS YOUR DRIVING TEST!


I'LL PASS MY TEST, ALL RIGHT--
DAD! LOOK OUT!

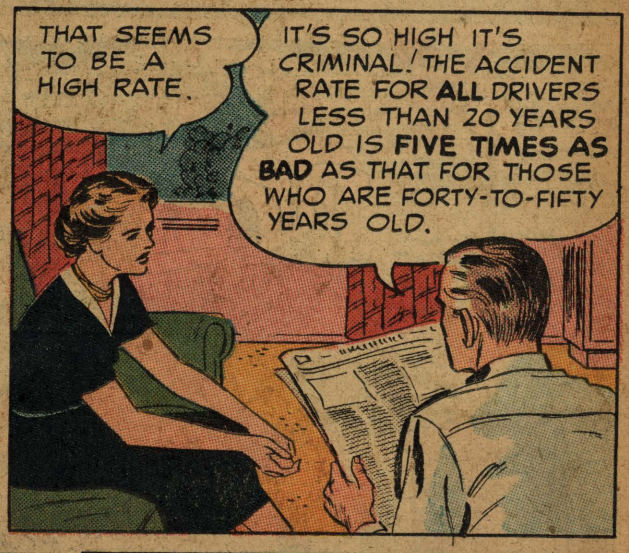

CRAZY KIDS! THERE'S A LAW AGAINST TURNING PEOPLE LOOSE ON THE HIGHWAYS BEFORE THEY LEARN TO DRIVE!
I KNOW THOSE FELLOWS--THEY'RE THE WORST DRIVERS IN TOWN.

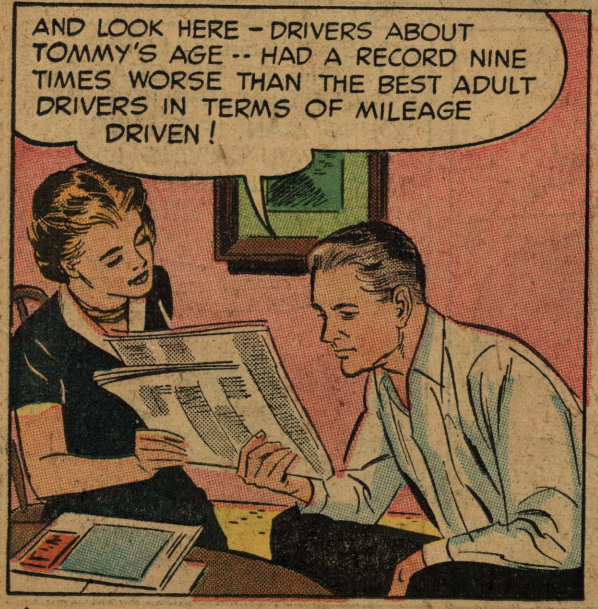
SOMEBODY SHOULD PUT A PADDLE TO THE SEAT OF THEIR PANTS! BELIEVE ME, YOUNG MAN, IF I EVER CATCH YOU DRIVING LIKE THAT YOU'LL NEVER GET THE KEYS TO THIS CAR!

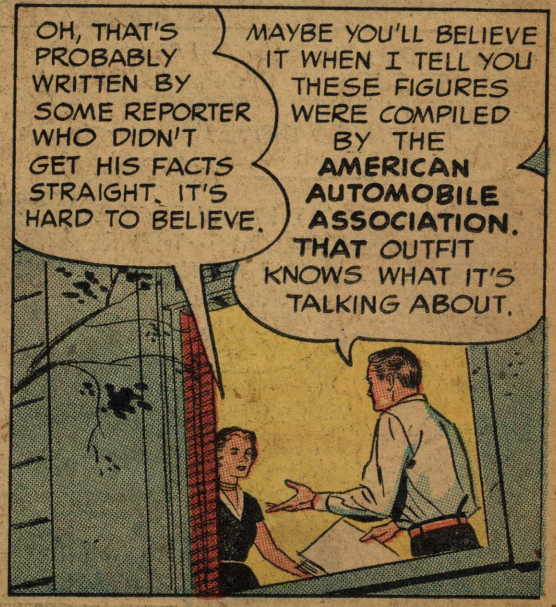

THAT NIGHT--
ED, AFTER THAT CLOSE CALL WE HAD DRIVING HOME, I'M WORRIED ABOUT TOMMY'S GETTING HIS LICENSE.
I'VE JUST BEEN READING ABOUT TEEN-AGE DRIVERS, MARTHA...

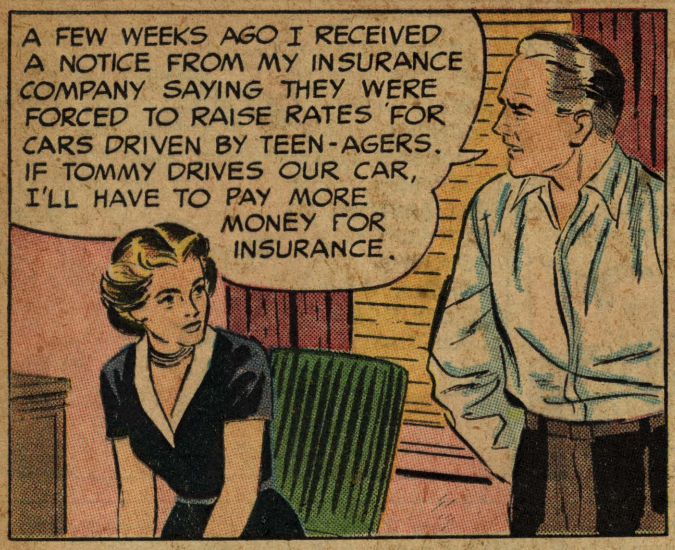
HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT YOUNG DRIVERS THAT WILL REALLY SHOCK YOU. JUST LISTEN TO THIS--

"YOUNG DRIVERS, MOSTLY IN THEIR TEENS, ARE INVOLVED IN **ONE OUT OF FOUR AUTO ACCIDENTS THAT CAUSE DEATH.**"

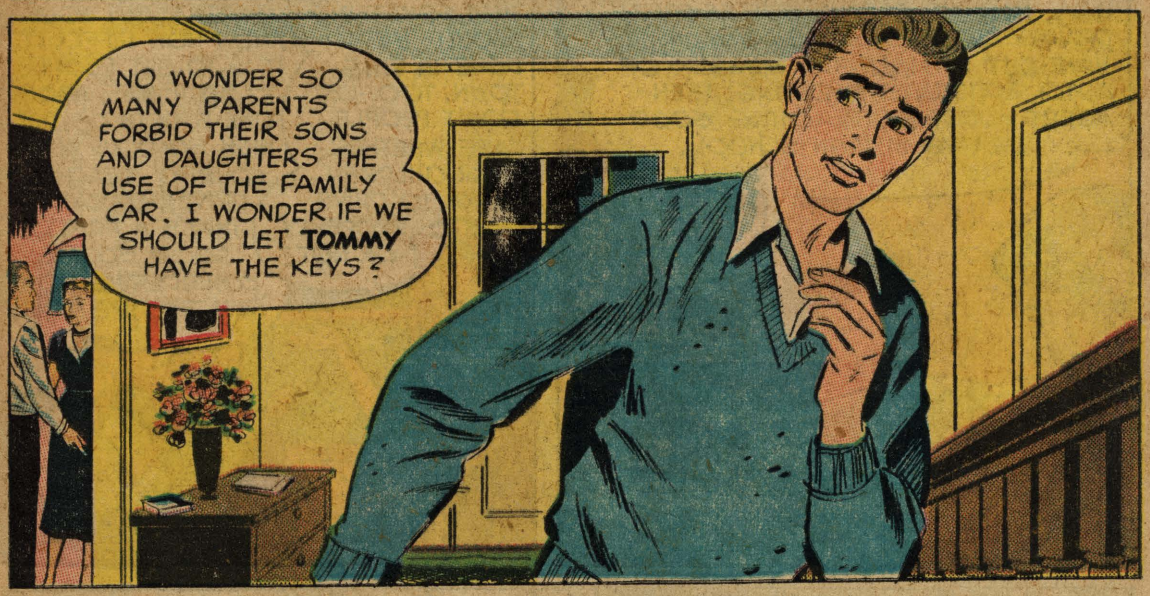

THAT SEEMS TO BE A HIGH RATE.
IT'S SO HIGH IT'S CRIMINAL! THE ACCIDENT RATE FOR **ALL** DRIVERS LESS THAN 20 YEARS OLD IS **FIVE TIMES AS BAD** AS THAT FOR THOSE WHO ARE FORTY-TO-FIFTY YEARS OLD.

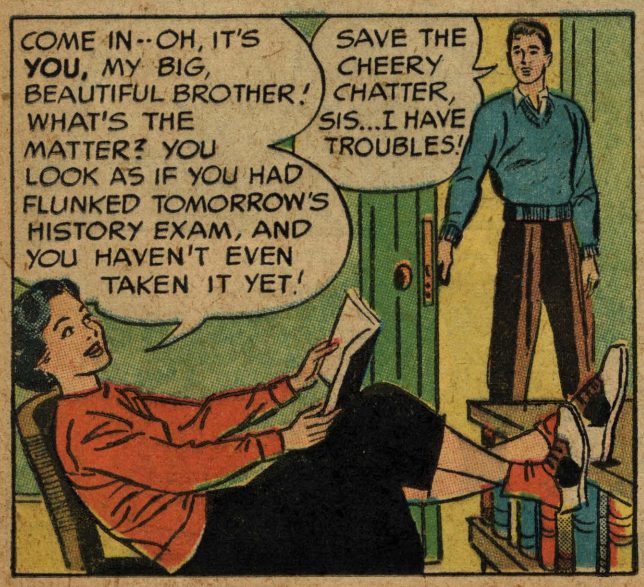

AND LOOK HERE - DRIVERS ABOUT TOMMY'S AGE -- HAD A RECORD NINE TIMES WORSE THAN THE BEST ADULT DRIVERS IN TERMS OF MILEAGE DRIVEN!


OH, THAT'S PROBABLY WRITTEN BY SOME REPORTER WHO DIDN'T GET HIS FACTS STRAIGHT. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.
MAYBE YOU'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I TELL YOU THESE FIGURES WERE COMPILED BY THE **AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION. THAT** OUTFIT KNOWS WHAT IT'S TALKING ABOUT.

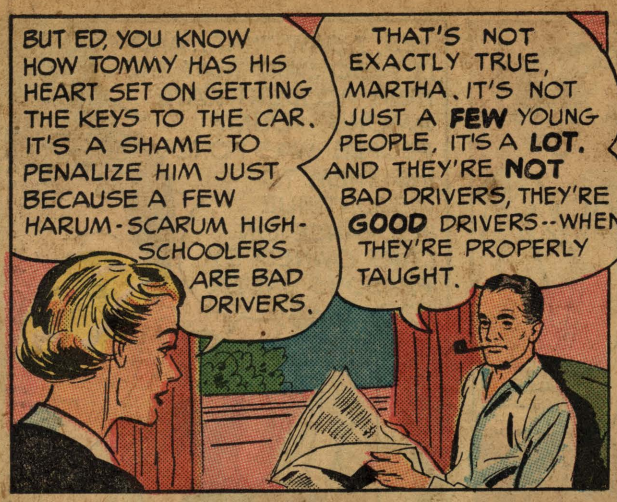

A FEW WEEKS AGO I RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM MY INSURANCE COMPANY SAYING THEY WERE FORCED TO RAISE RATES FOR CARS DRIVEN BY TEEN-AGERS. IF TOMMY DRIVES OUR CAR, I'LL HAVE TO PAY MORE MONEY FOR INSURANCE.

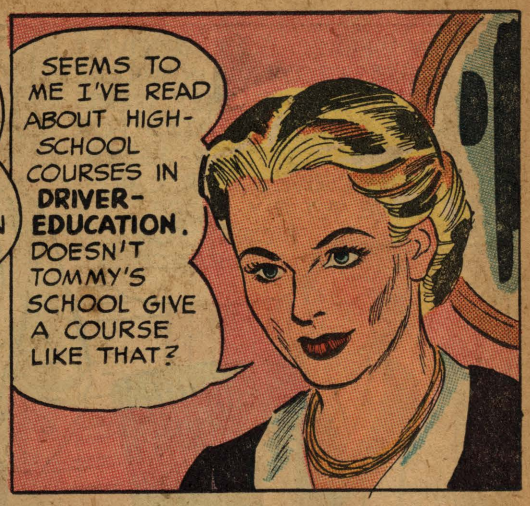
YES, I SAW THAT... AND IT ALSO SAID THAT THE HIGH ACCIDENT RATE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WAS FORCING THEM TO DISCONTINUE INSURANCE ON CARS OWNED BY PERSONS UNDER 20.

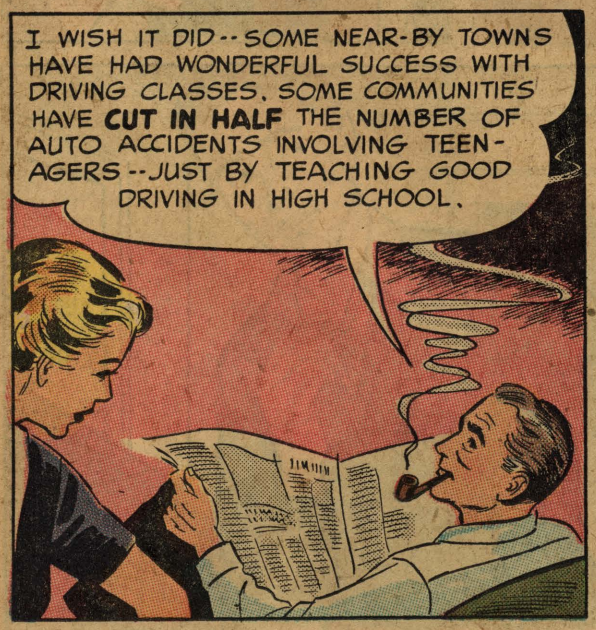

NO WONDER SO MANY PARENTS FORBID THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS THE USE OF THE FAMILY CAR. I WONDER IF WE SHOULD LET **TOMMY** HAVE THE KEYS?


COME IN--OH, IT'S **YOU,** MY BIG, BEAUTIFUL BROTHER! WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU HAD FLUNKED TOMORROW'S HISTORY EXAM, AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TAKEN IT YET!
SAVE THE CHEERY CHATTER, SIS...I HAVE TROUBLES!

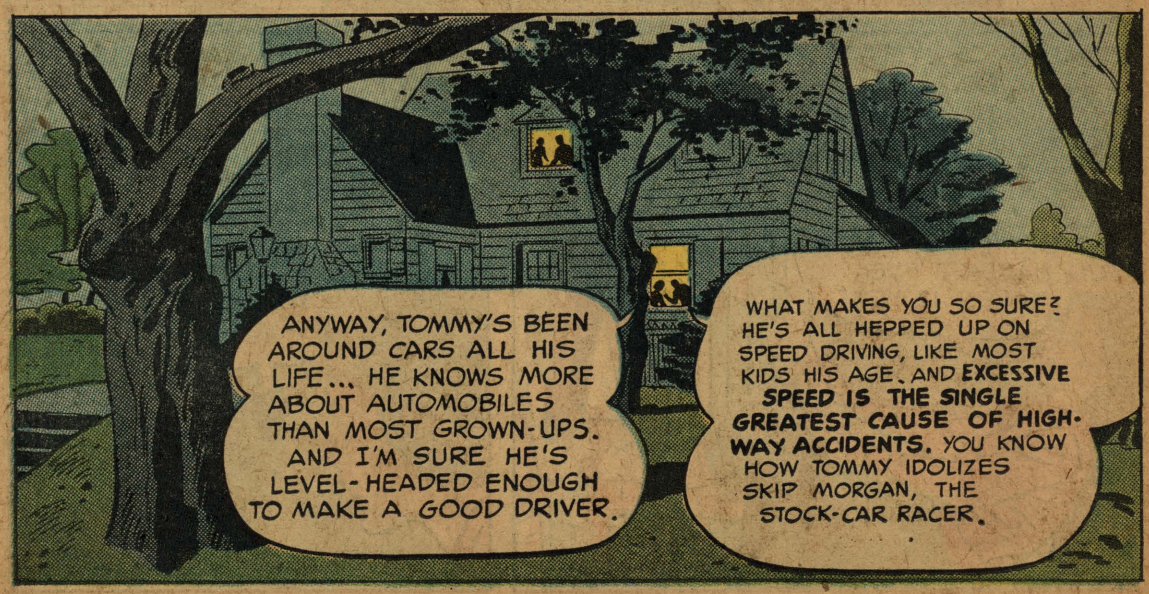
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOMMY? IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
I'M AFRAID NOT, BETTY. IT'S ABOUT THE CAR... I JUST OVERHEARD MOTHER AND DAD DISCUSSING TEEN-AGE DRIVERS -- AND NONE OF IT WAS GOOD. I'M NOT SURE THEY'LL LET ME GET MY LICENSE -- MUCH LESS GIVE ME THE KEYS TO THE CAR.

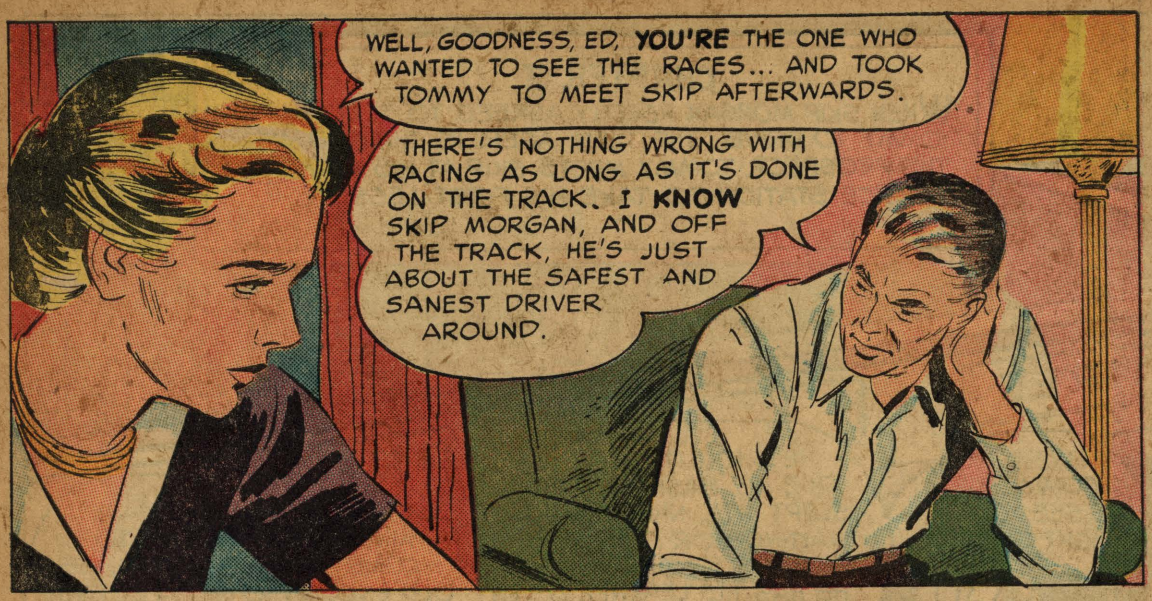

BUT ED, YOU KNOW HOW TOMMY HAS HIS HEART SET ON GETTING THE KEYS TO THE CAR. IT'S A SHAME TO PENALIZE HIM JUST BECAUSE A FEW HARUM-SCARUM HIGH-SCHOOLERS ARE BAD DRIVERS.
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY TRUE, MARTHA. IT'S NOT JUST A **FEW** YOUNG PEOPLE, IT'S A **LOT.** AND THEY'RE **NOT** BAD DRIVERS, THEY'RE **GOOD** DRIVERS--WHEN THEY'RE PROPERLY TAUGHT.


SEEMS TO ME I'VE READ ABOUT HIGH-SCHOOL COURSES IN **DRIVER-EDUCATION.** DOESN'T TOMMY'S SCHOOL GIVE A COURSE LIKE THAT?

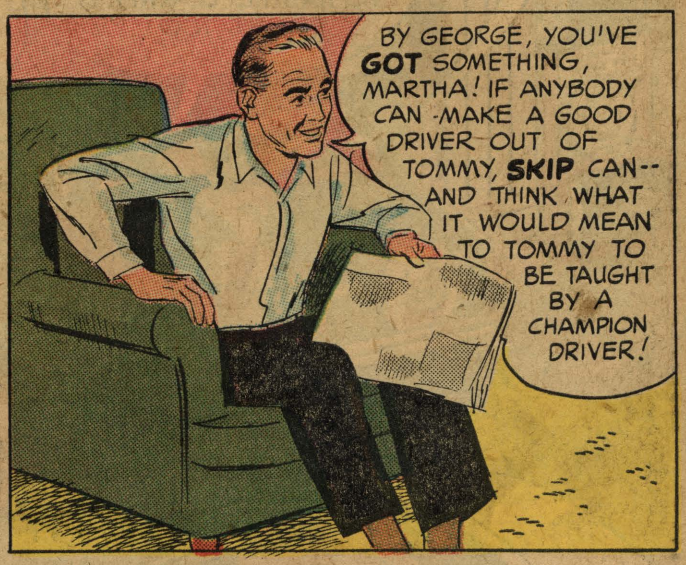

I WISH IT DID--SOME NEAR-BY TOWNS HAVE HAD WONDERFUL SUCCESS WITH DRIVING CLASSES. SOME COMMUNITIES HAVE **CUT IN HALF** THE NUMBER OF AUTO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TEEN-AGERS--JUST BY TEACHING GOOD DRIVING IN HIGH SCHOOL.

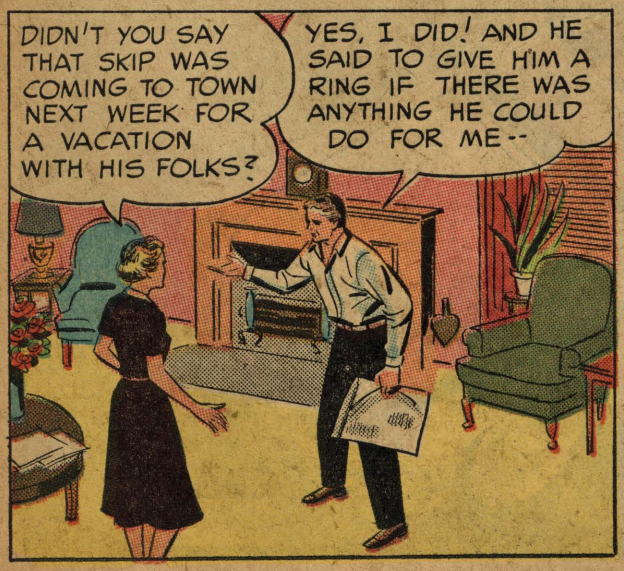
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE IN **THIS** TOWN, TOO--OR DON'T PEOPLE CARE WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN LEARN TO DRIVE PROPERLY OR NOT?
OF COURSE THEY DO, MARTHA, BUT YOU KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET PEOPLE TO **DO** THINGS. ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY TEACH DRIVER-EDUCATION. THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD SCORE, CONSIDERING HOW NEW THE IDEA IS.


ANYWAY, TOMMY'S BEEN AROUND CARS ALL HIS LIFE... HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT AUTOMOBILES THAN MOST GROWN-UPS. AND I'M SURE HE'S LEVEL-HEADED ENOUGH TO MAKE A GOOD DRIVER.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE? HE'S ALL HEPPED UP ON SPEED DRIVING, LIKE MOST KIDS HIS AGE. AND **EXCESSIVE SPEED IS THE SINGLE GREATEST CAUSE OF HIGH-WAY ACCIDENTS.** YOU KNOW HOW TOMMY IDOLIZES SKIP MORGAN, THE STOCK-CAR RACER.

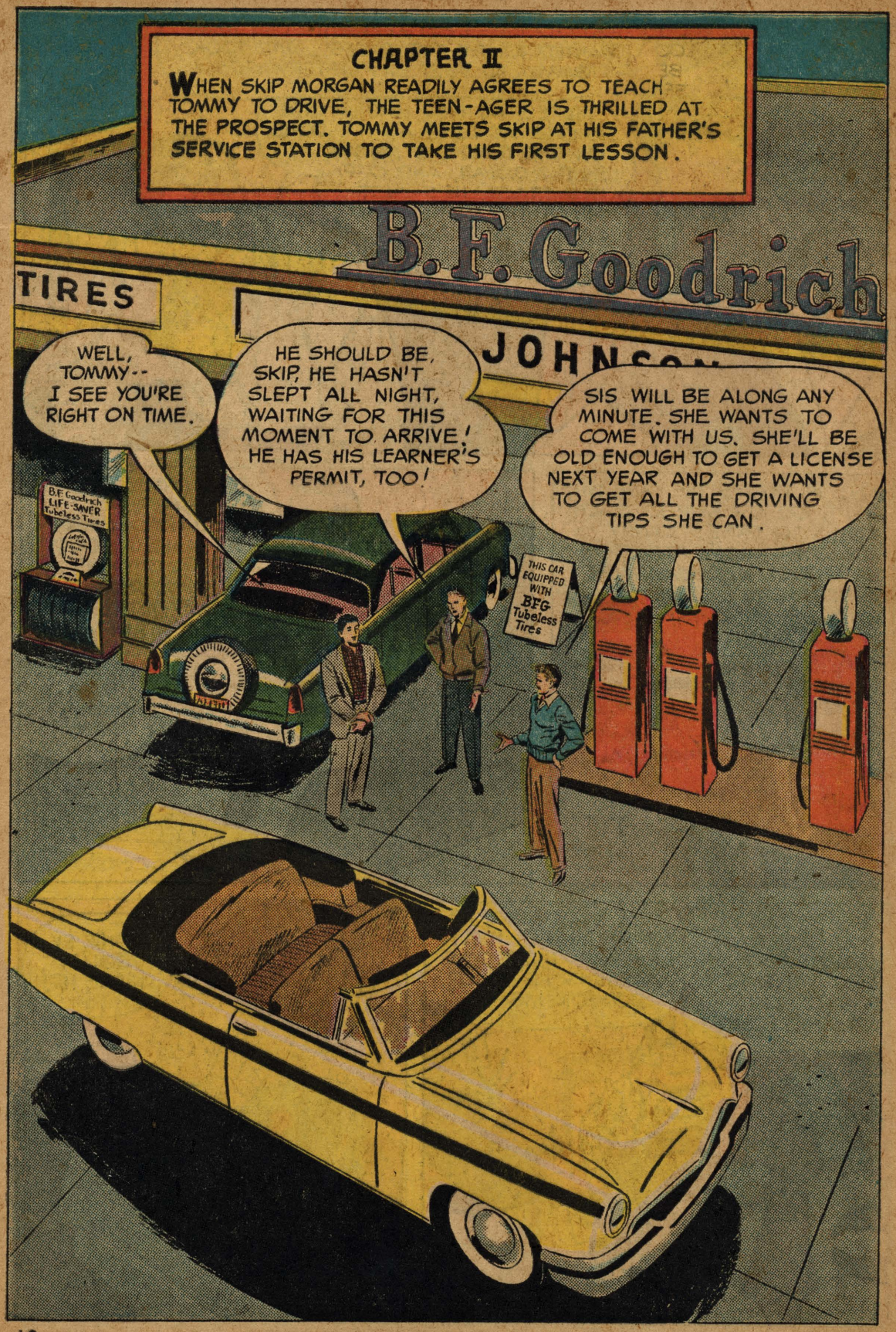

WELL, GOODNESS, ED, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO SEE THE RACES... AND TOOK TOMMY TO MEET SKIP AFTERWARDS.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH RACING AS LONG AS IT'S DONE ON THE TRACK. I KNOW SKIP MORGAN, AND OFF THE TRACK, HE'S JUST ABOUT THE SAFEST AND SANEST DRIVER AROUND.

WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHY DON'T YOU ASK SKIP TO TEACH TOMMY TO DRIVE? TOMMY WOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO A REAL RACING DRIVER THAN ANYONE I CAN THINK OF--ESPECIALLY SKIP MORGAN.


BY GEORGE, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING, MARTHA! IF ANYBODY CAN MAKE A GOOD DRIVER OUT OF TOMMY, SKIP CAN--AND THINK WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO TOMMY TO BE TAUGHT BY A CHAMPION DRIVER!


DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT SKIP WAS COMING TO TOWN NEXT WEEK FOR A VACATION WITH HIS FOLKS?
YES, I DID! AND HE SAID TO GIVE HIM A RING IF THERE WAS ANYTHING HE COULD DO FOR ME--

--AND, BY GOLLY, THERE IS!


CHAPTER II
WHEN SKIP MORGAN READILY AGREES TO TEACH TOMMY TO DRIVE, THE TEEN-AGER IS THRILLED AT THE PROSPECT. TOMMY MEETS SKIP AT HIS FATHER'S SERVICE STATION TO TAKE HIS FIRST LESSON.
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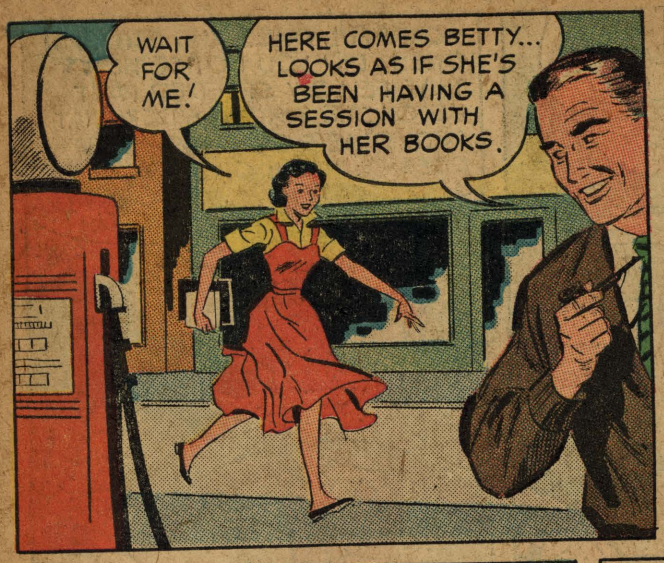
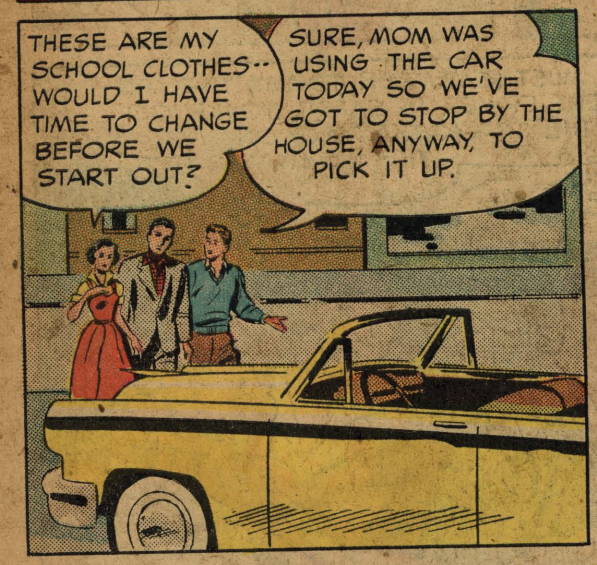
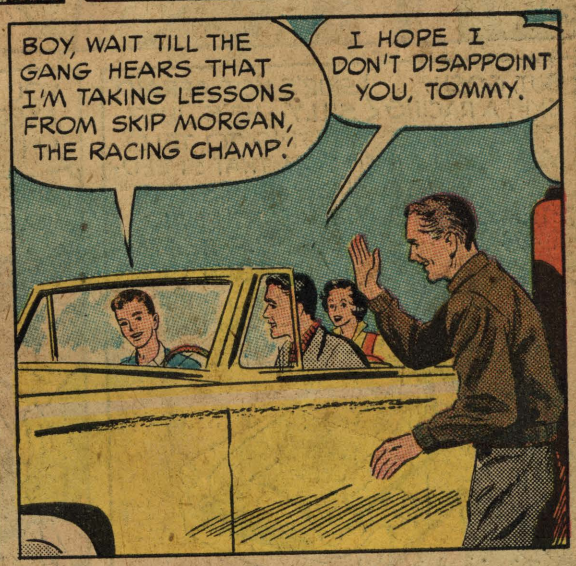
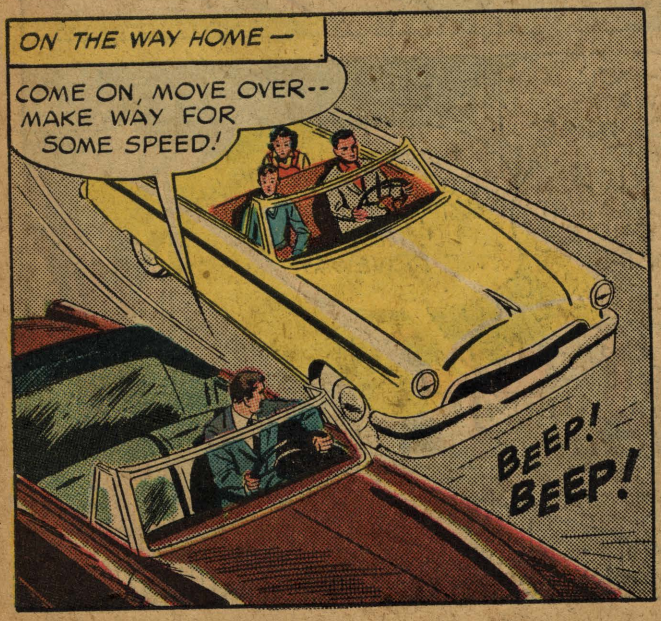
TIRES
JOHN
WELL, TOMMY-- I SEE YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME.
HE SHOULD BE, SKIP, HE HASN'T SLEPT ALL NIGHT, WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT TO ARRIVE! HE HAS HIS LEARNER'S PERMIT, TOO!
SIS WILL BE ALONG ANY MINUTE. SHE WANTS TO COME WITH US. SHE'LL BE OLD ENOUGH TO GET A LICENSE NEXT YEAR AND SHE WANTS TO GET ALL THE DRIVING TIPS SHE CAN.
B.F. Goodrich LIFE-SAVER Tubeless Tires
THIS CAR EQUIPPED WITH BFG Tubeless Tires


WAIT FOR ME!
HERE COMES BETTY... LOOKS AS IF SHE'S BEEN HAVING A SESSION WITH HER BOOKS.

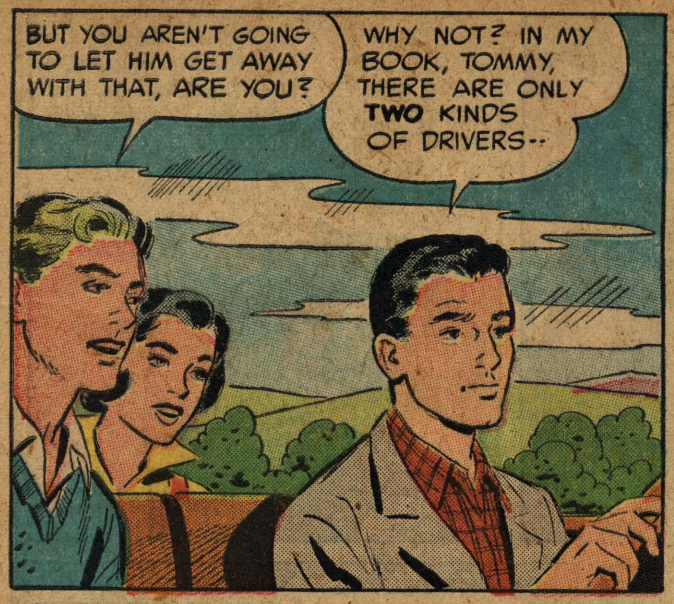
EXCUSE ME, FOLKS, JUDY AND I WERE DOING OUR HOMEWORK AT HER HOUSE. I HOPE I'M NOT LATE.
MY, HOW THESE JOHNSONS DO GROW UP! THE LAST TIME I SAW BETTY SHE WAS STEERING A KIDDIE CAR--AND NOW SHE'S NEARLY READY TO DRIVE A REAL ONE!

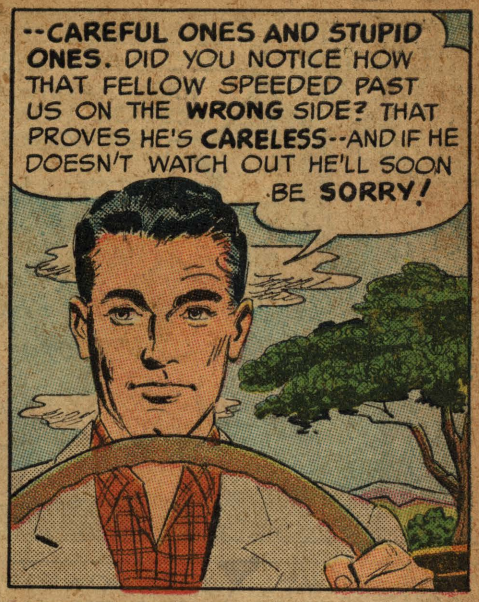

THESE ARE MY SCHOOL CLOTHES-- WOULD I HAVE TIME TO CHANGE BEFORE WE START OUT?
SURE, MOM WAS USING THE CAR TODAY SO WE'VE GOT TO STOP BY THE HOUSE, ANYWAY, TO PICK IT UP.

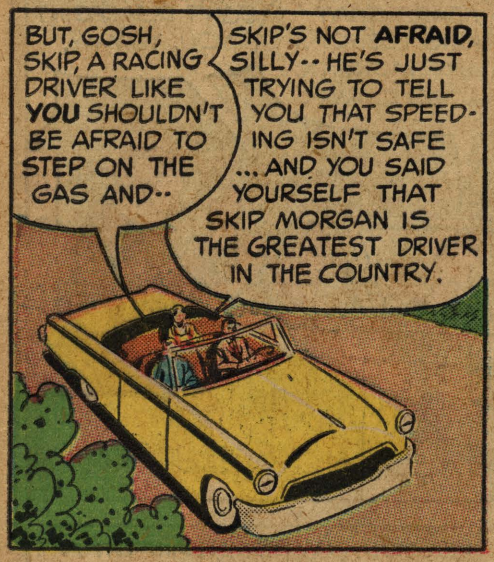

BOY, WAIT TILL THE GANG HEARS THAT I'M TAKING LESSONS FROM SKIP MORGAN, THE RACING CHAMP!
I HOPE I DON'T DISAPPOINT YOU, TOMMY.

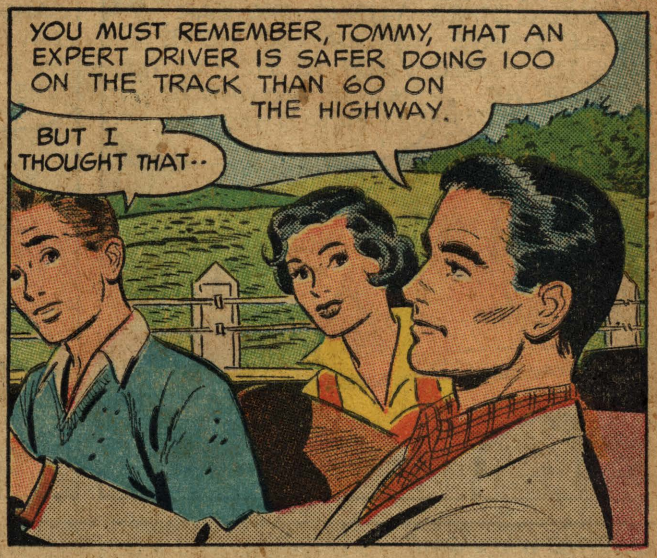

ON THE WAY HOME—
COME ON, MOVE OVER-- MAKE WAY FOR SOME SPEED!
BEEP! BEEP!

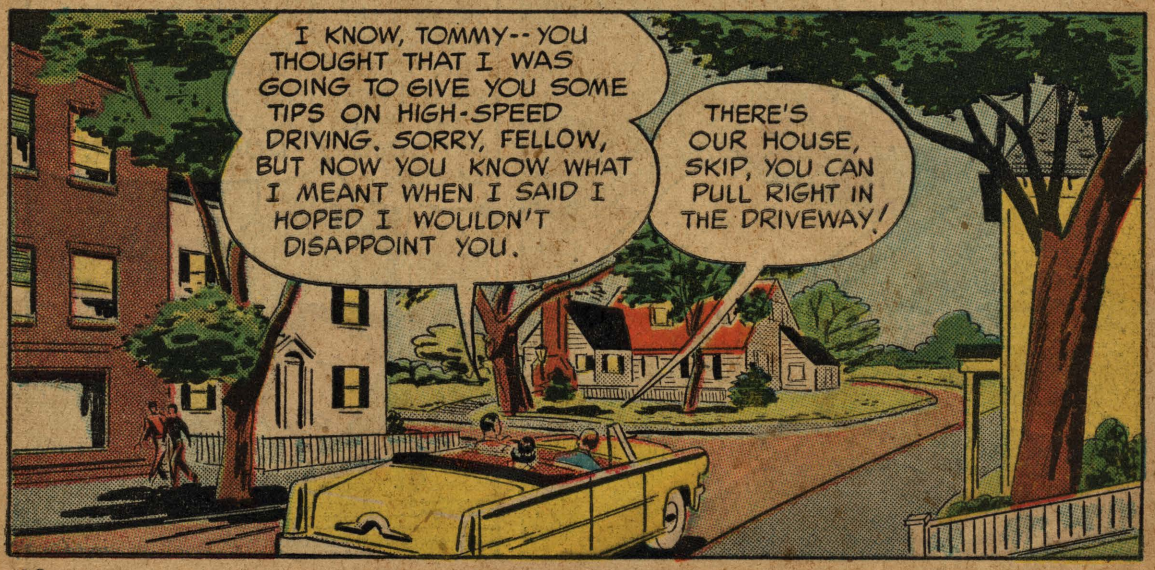
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SKIP? OPEN 'ER UP-- WE'LL SHOW THAT WISE GUY SOME SPEED!
NOW, HOLD ON A MINUTE, TOMMY. RIGHT HERE IS THE PLACE TO LEARN THE NUMBER ONE RULE OF THE ROAD -- DON'T SPEED!

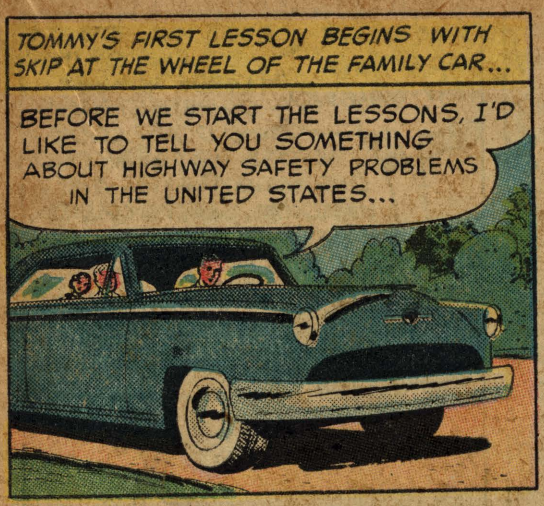

BUT YOU AREN'T GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THAT, ARE YOU?
WHY NOT? IN MY BOOK, TOMMY, THERE ARE ONLY **TWO** KINDS OF DRIVERS--

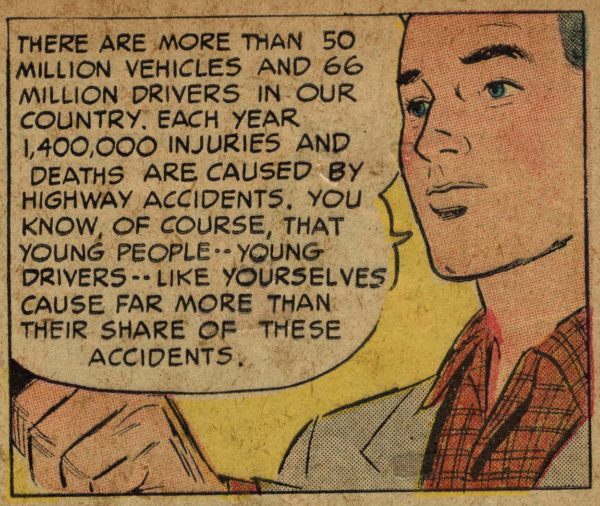

--**CAREFUL ONES AND STUPID ONES.** DID YOU NOTICE HOW THAT FELLOW SPEEDED PAST US ON THE **WRONG** SIDE? THAT PROVES HE'S **CARELESS**--AND IF HE DOESN'T WATCH OUT HE'LL SOON BE **SORRY!**

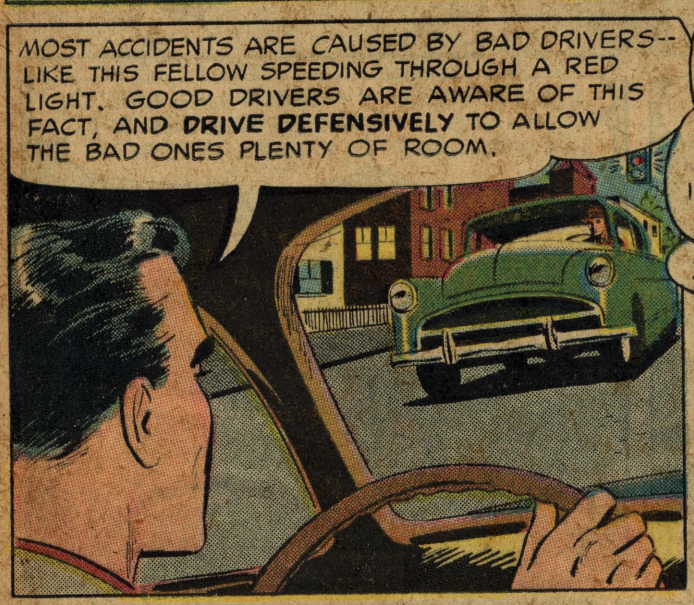

BUT, GOSH, SKIP, A RACING DRIVER LIKE **YOU** SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID TO STEP ON THE GAS AND--
SKIP'S NOT **AFRAID,** SILLY--HE'S JUST TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT SPEEDING ISN'T SAFE ...AND YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT SKIP MORGAN IS THE GREATEST DRIVER IN THE COUNTRY.


YOU MUST REMEMBER, TOMMY, THAT AN EXPERT DRIVER IS SAFER DOING 100 ON THE TRACK THAN 60 ON THE HIGHWAY.
BUT I THOUGHT THAT--


I KNOW, TOMMY--YOU THOUGHT THAT I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME TIPS ON HIGH-SPEED DRIVING. SORRY, FELLOW, BUT NOW YOU KNOW WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID I HOPED I WOULDN'T DISAPPOINT YOU.
THERE'S OUR HOUSE, SKIP, YOU CAN PULL RIGHT IN THE DRIVEWAY!

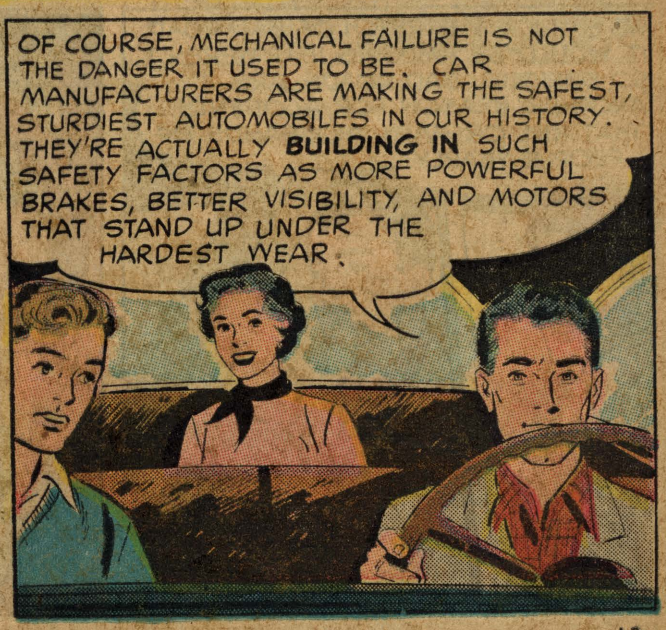

TOMMY'S FIRST LESSON BEGINS WITH SKIP AT THE WHEEL OF THE FAMILY CAR...
BEFORE WE START THE LESSONS, I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT HIGHWAY SAFETY PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES...

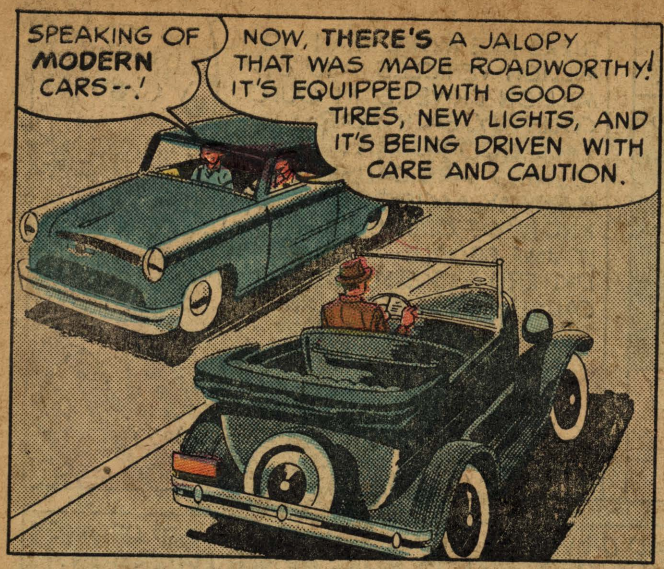

THERE ARE MORE THAN 50 MILLION VEHICLES AND 66 MILLION DRIVERS IN OUR COUNTRY. EACH YEAR 1,400,000 INJURIES AND DEATHS ARE CAUSED BY HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS. YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT YOUNG PEOPLE--YOUNG DRIVERS--LIKE YOURSELVES CAUSE FAR MORE THAN THEIR SHARE OF THESE ACCIDENTS.

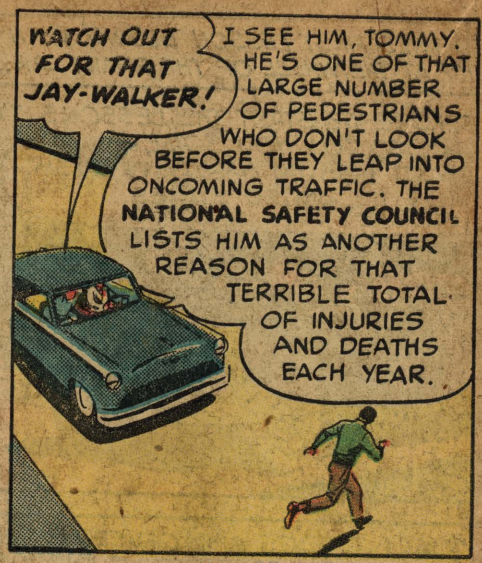

MOST ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY BAD DRIVERS--LIKE THIS FELLOW SPEEDING THROUGH A RED LIGHT. GOOD DRIVERS ARE AWARE OF THIS FACT, AND **DRIVE DEFENSIVELY** TO ALLOW THE BAD ONES PLENTY OF ROOM.

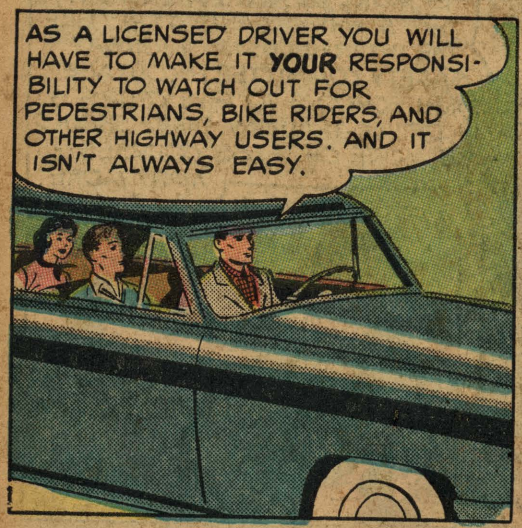
THE BEST ANSWER TO BAD DRIVING IS MORE **DRIVER EDUCATION**. THAT'S WHY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE **INTER-INDUSTRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE** ENCOURAGE HIGH SCHOOLS TO GIVE COURSES IN DRIVER-TRAINING. THERE SHOULD BE MORE OF THESE COURSES--MANY MORE.
I WISH **OUR** SCHOOL HAD ONE!

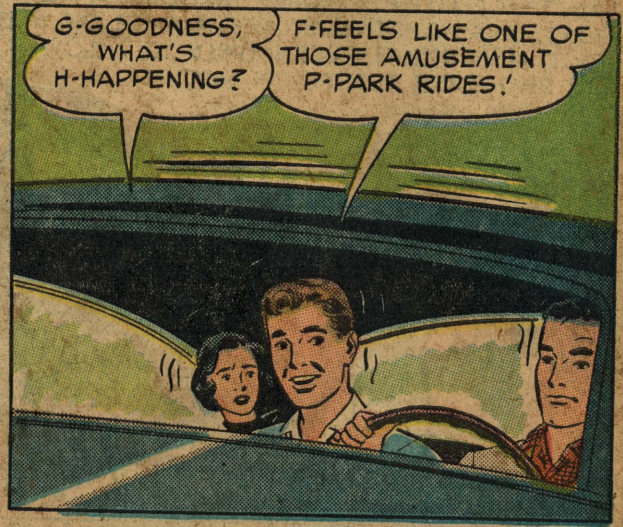
ANOTHER REASON FOR ACCIDENTS IS THE CAR ITSELF. THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CAR CAREFULLY--ESPECIALLY SUCH SAFETY EQUIPMENT AS TIRES, BRAKES, LIGHTS, STEERING, AND HORN. TESTS SHOW THAT **ONE OUT OF THREE** CARS HAS DEFECTIVE SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

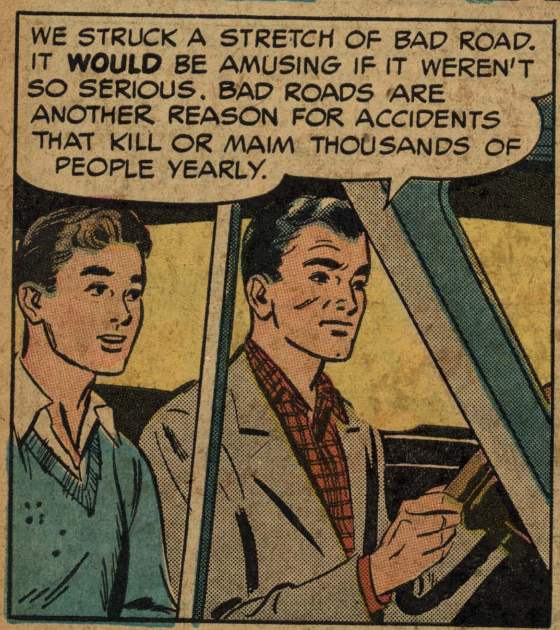

OF COURSE, MECHANICAL FAILURE IS NOT THE DANGER IT USED TO BE. CAR MANUFACTURERS ARE MAKING THE SAFEST, STURDIEST AUTOMOBILES IN OUR HISTORY. THEY'RE ACTUALLY **BUILDING IN** SUCH SAFETY FACTORS AS MORE POWERFUL BRAKES, BETTER VISIBILITY, AND MOTORS THAT STAND UP UNDER THE HARDEST WEAR.

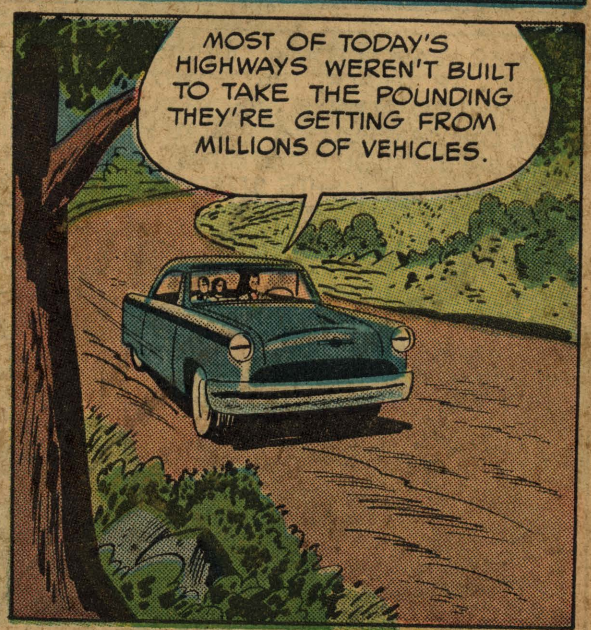

SPEAKING OF MODERN CARS--!
NOW, THERE'S A JALOPY THAT WAS MADE ROADWORTHY! IT'S EQUIPPED WITH GOOD TIRES, NEW LIGHTS, AND IT'S BEING DRIVEN WITH CARE AND CAUTION.

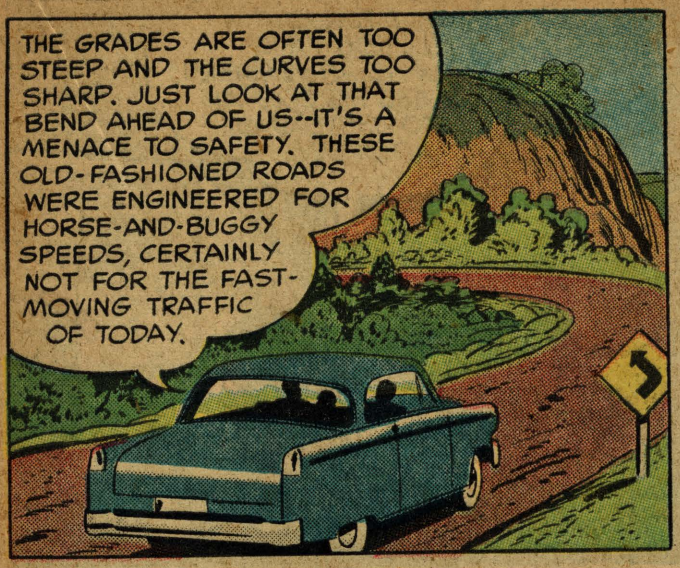

WATCH OUT FOR THAT JAY-WALKER!
I SEE HIM, TOMMY. HE'S ONE OF THAT LARGE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS WHO DON'T LOOK BEFORE THEY LEAP INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC. THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL LISTS HIM AS ANOTHER REASON FOR THAT TERRIBLE TOTAL OF INJURIES AND DEATHS EACH YEAR.


AS A LICENSED DRIVER YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE IT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO WATCH OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS, BIKE RIDERS, AND OTHER HIGHWAY USERS. AND IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY.

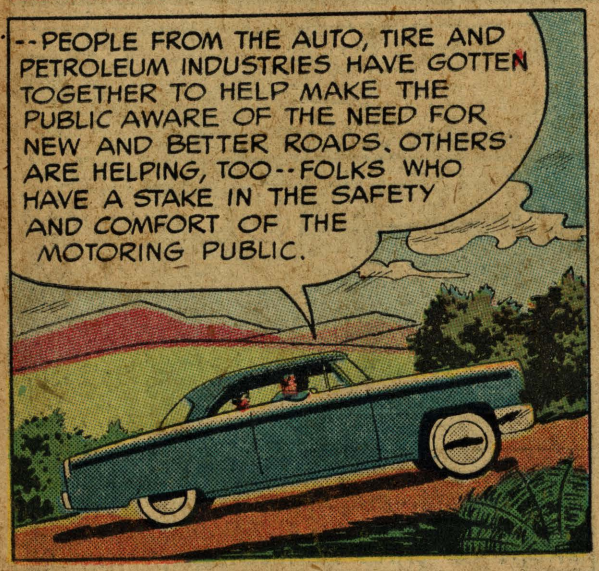

G-GOODNESS, WHAT'S H-HAPPENING?
F-FEELS LIKE ONE OF THOSE AMUSEMENT P-PARK RIDES!


WE STRUCK A STRETCH OF BAD ROAD. IT WOULD BE AMUSING IF IT WEREN'T SO SERIOUS. BAD ROADS ARE ANOTHER REASON FOR ACCIDENTS THAT KILL OR MAIM THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE YEARLY.


MOST OF TODAY'S HIGHWAYS WEREN'T BUILT TO TAKE THE POUNDING THEY'RE GETTING FROM MILLIONS OF VEHICLES.

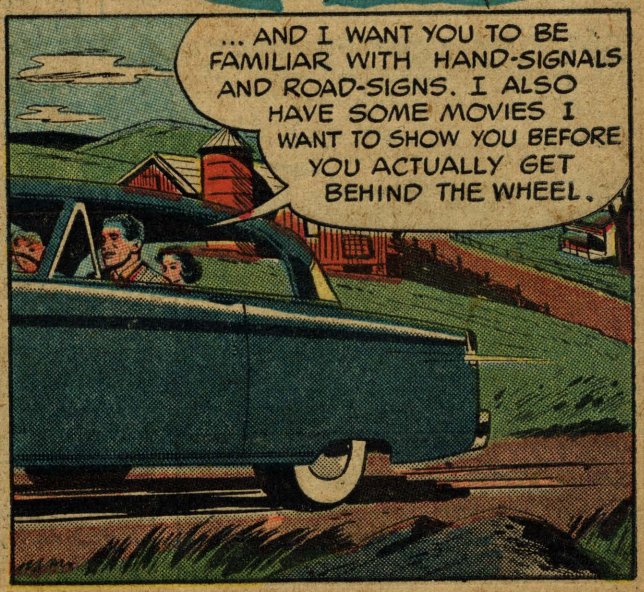

THE GRADES ARE OFTEN TOO STEEP AND THE CURVES TOO SHARP. JUST LOOK AT THAT BEND AHEAD OF US--IT'S A MENACE TO SAFETY. THESE OLD-FASHIONED ROADS WERE ENGINEERED FOR HORSE-AND-BUGGY SPEEDS, CERTAINLY NOT FOR THE FAST-MOVING TRAFFIC OF TODAY.

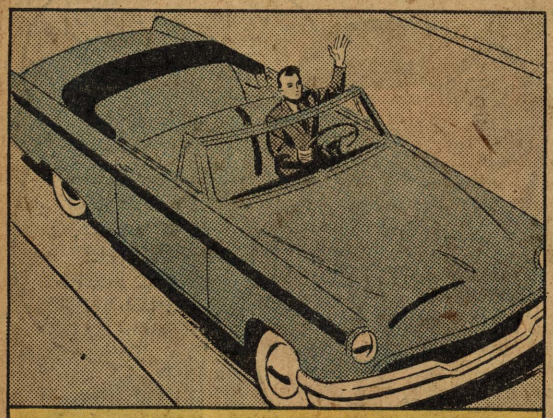
THEN WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE BAD ROADS?
SOMEBODY IS, TOMMY--


--PEOPLE FROM THE AUTO, TIRE AND PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER TO HELP MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE NEED FOR NEW AND BETTER ROADS. OTHERS ARE HELPING, TOO--FOLKS WHO HAVE A STAKE IN THE SAFETY AND COMFORT OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC.

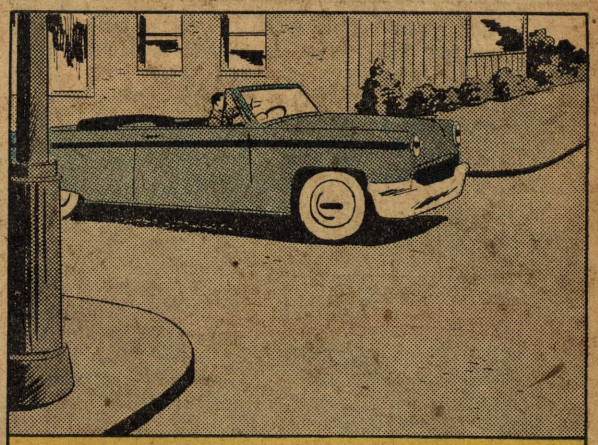
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE GOOD WORK THAT PAR—PROJECT ADEQUATE ROADS—IS DOING TO IMPROVE OUR HIGHWAYS. I HOPE THE PUBLIC GETS BEHIND THIS IDEA!

I KNOW YOU'RE EAGER TO TAKE THE WHEEL, TOMMY, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF GROUNDWORK TO BE DONE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. FIRST, I WANT TO DRILL YOU THOROUGHLY IN USING THE BRAKE. IN A CAR WITHOUT AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, YOU'LL NEED PRACTICE IN HANDLING THE CLUTCH AND GEAR SHIFT.

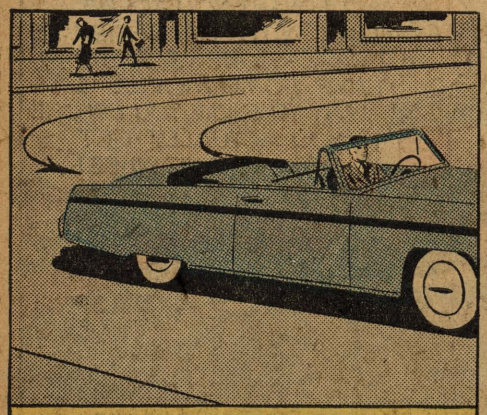

... AND I WANT YOU TO BE FAMILIAR WITH HAND-SIGNALS AND ROAD-SIGNS. I ALSO HAVE SOME MOVIES I WANT TO SHOW YOU BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY GET BEHIND THE WHEEL.



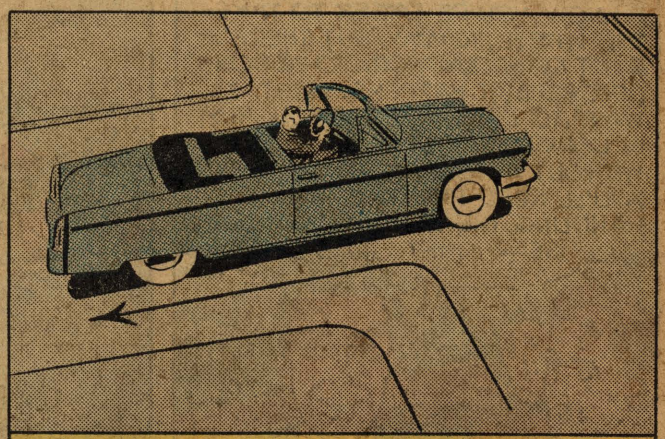
"NOTICE THAT HE'S GIVING THE HAND-SIGNAL FOR A RIGHT TURN SO THE CAR BEHIND WILL SLOW DOWN. AND HE'S IN THE RIGHT LANE SO HE WON'T HAVE TO CUT ACROSS TRAFFIC IN MAKING HIS TURN."*



"HERE'S A **LEFT** TURN. NOTICE THE HAND-SIGNAL AGAIN -- BUT THIS TIME HE'S DRIVING IN THE **LEFT** LANE TO AVOID CUTTING IN FRONT OF CARS BEHIND HIM."

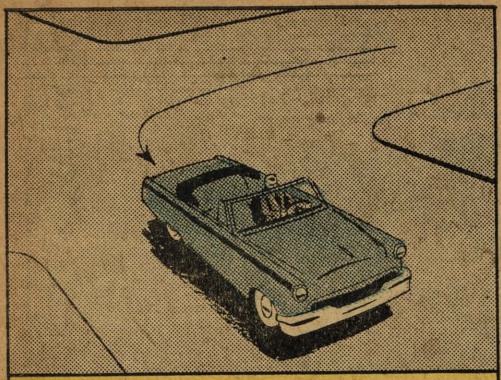


"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO START YOUR LEFT TURN UNTIL ONCOMING TRAFFIC HAS PASSED. OTHERWISE, YOU MIGHT STEER DIRECTLY INTO IT."

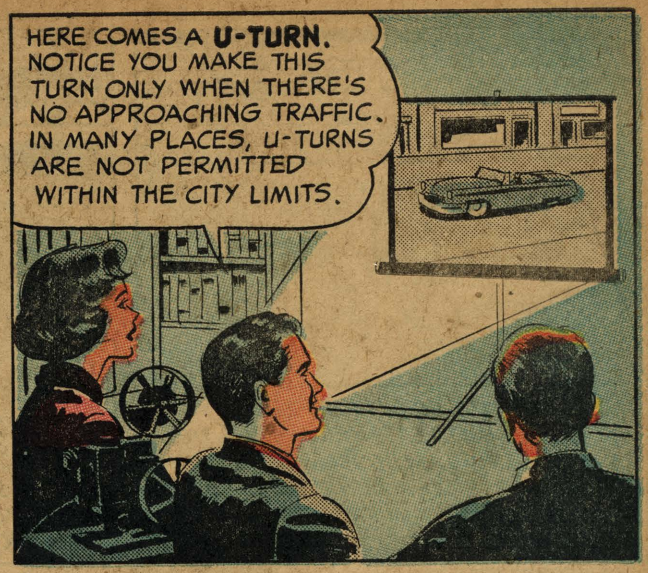


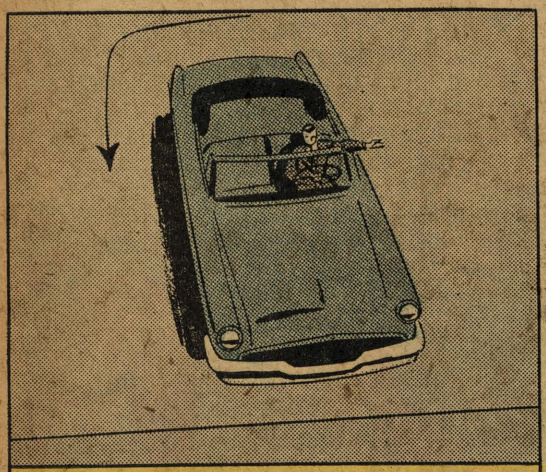
"NOW HE'S GOING TO TURN AROUND. FIRST HE MAKES SURE THAT EVERYTHING'S CLEAR BEHIND HIM, THEN HE BACKS SLOWLY INTO THE SIDE STREET..."

* SOME STATES HAVE DIFFERENT HAND SIGNALS. CHECK YOUR STATE'S DRIVING REGULATIONS.

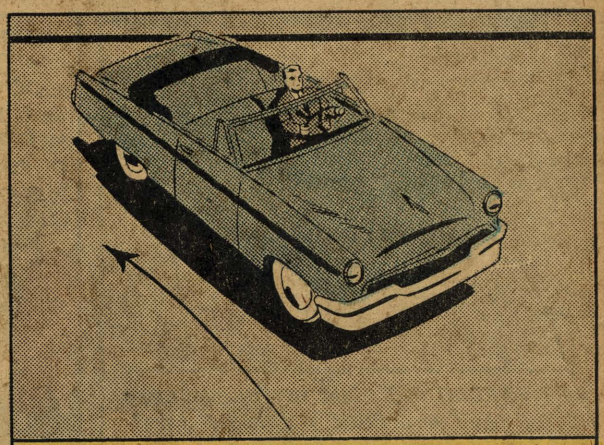


"...THEN HE WATCHES FOR APPROACHING TRAFFIC BEFORE RE-ENTERING THE HIGHWAY. THIS MANEUVER LOOKS SIMPLE ENOUGH, BUT THE TRICK IS TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY **BEFORE** BACKING UP AND **BEFORE** RE-ENTERING TRAFFIC."

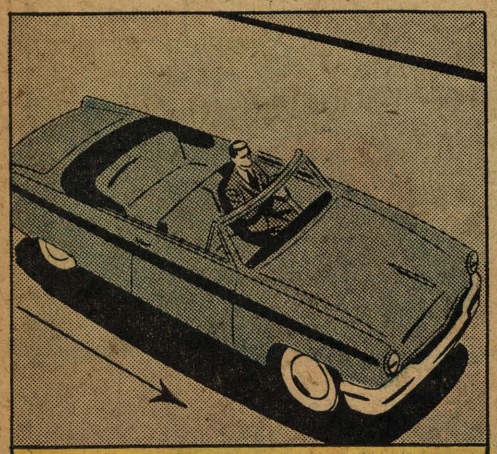




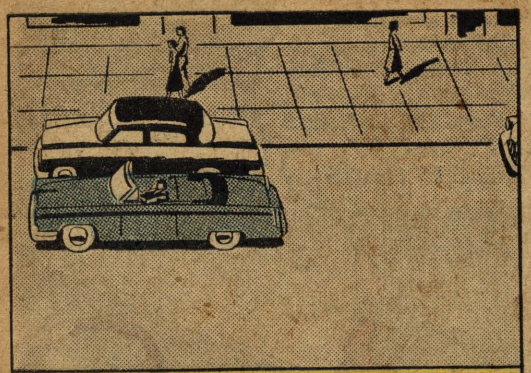
"FIRST YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR A LEFT TURN THEN CUT THE WHEEL TO THE LEFT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WHILE MOVING IN LOW GEAR..."



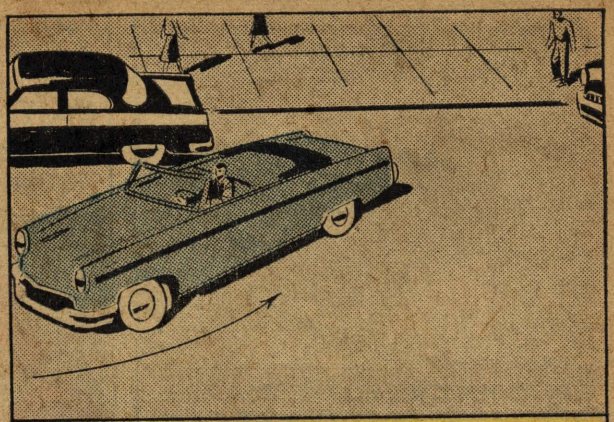
"WHEN YOUR FRONT WHEELS ARE ABOUT TWO FEET FROM THE CURB, CUT YOUR WHEEL TO THE RIGHT AND BACK UP SLOWLY. STOP WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TWO FEET FROM THE OPPOSITE CURB..."



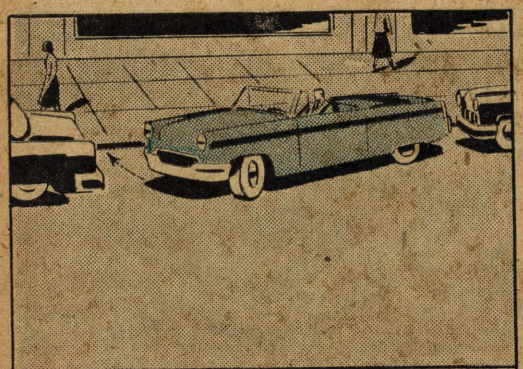
"THEN MOVE AHEAD AGAIN IN LOW GEAR, TURNING YOUR WHEELS TO THE LEFT UNTIL YOU'VE MADE YOUR U-TURN AND ARE TRAVELING STRAIGHT AHEAD AGAIN."



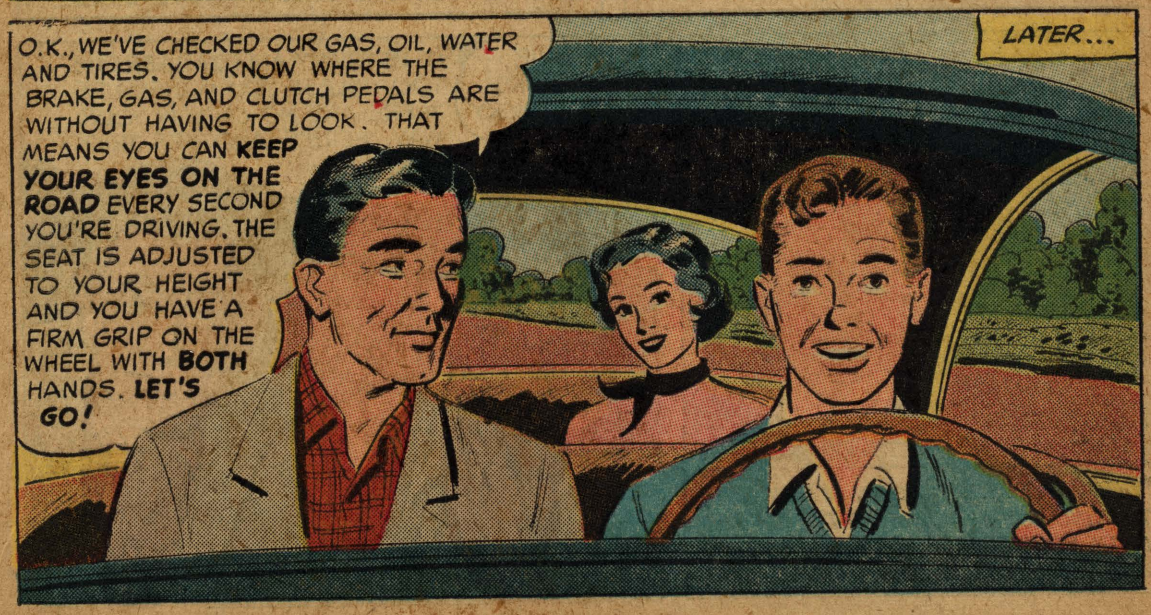
"...AND YET IT'S SOMETHING EVERY DRIVER SHOULD LEARN PROPERLY. THIS IS CALLED **PARALLEL PARKING.** YOUR FIRST STEP IS TO PULL UP EVEN WITH THE CAR PARKED IN FRONT OF THE SPACE YOU WANT."



"THEN YOU CUT YOUR WHEEL SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT AS YOU BACK UP SLOWLY UNTIL YOUR FRONT BUMPER IS IN LINE WITH THE REAR BUMPER OF THE CAR ALONGSIDE YOU."



"AT THIS POINT CUT YOUR WHEEL SHARPLY TO THE LEFT AND EASE YOURSELF INTO THE SPACE. THEN TURN THE WHEEL TO THE RIGHT AND GO FORWARD SLOWLY TILL YOU'VE CENTERED YOURSELF IN THE SPACE. EASY, EH?"



EVERY DAY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TOMMY PRACTICES UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF SKIP MORGAN. BETTY GOES ALONG, TOO-- AND NOT JUST FOR THE RIDE...

GOLLY, **I'M** LEARNING AS MUCH AS TOMMY--ONLY I CAN'T ACTUALLY DRIVE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

DON'T WORRY, BETTY, YOUR TURN WILL COME. AND I WON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU CAN HANDLE A CAR EVERY BIT AS WELL AS YOUR BROTHER.

GEE, SKIP, DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M A GOOD DRIVER?

AS FAR AS MECHANICAL ABILITY GOES, TOMMY, YOU DO ALL RIGHT. YOU OBEY THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND ROAD SIGNS, AND YOU HANDLE A CAR LIKE A VETERAN. BUT THERE'S MORE TO BEING A GOOD DRIVER THAN **THAT.**

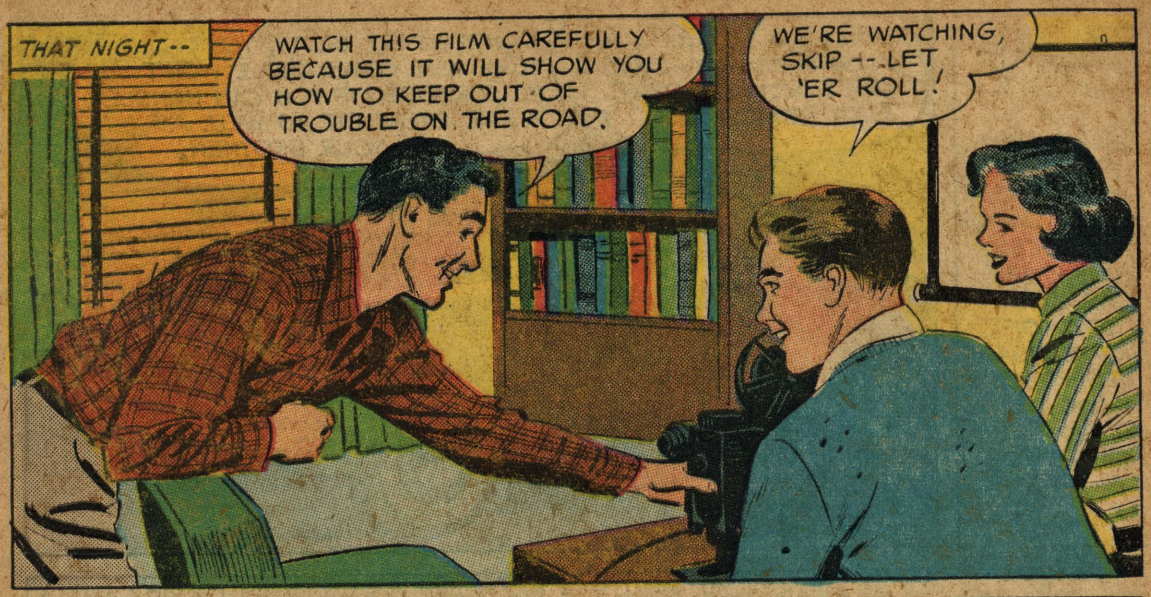
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SKIP? AM I DOING ANYTHING WRONG?

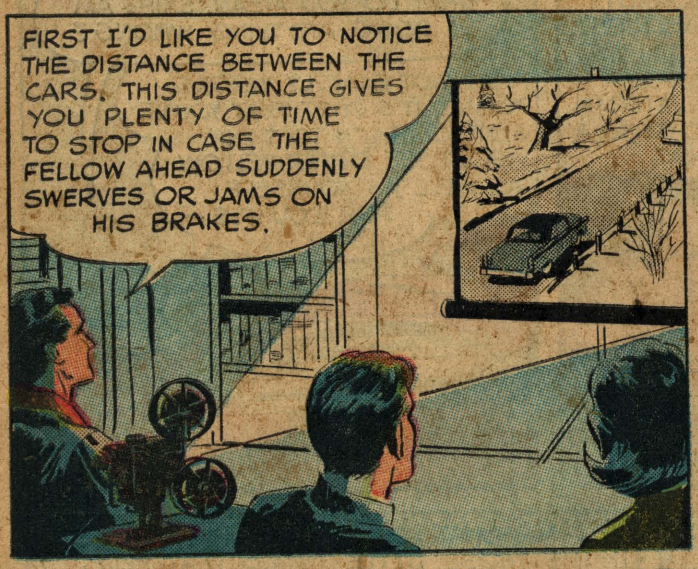
WELL, NOT EXACTLY **WRONG**, TOMMY. IT'S JUST THAT YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO THINK ABOUT THE **OTHER** FELLOW AS WELL AS YOURSELF. FOR EXAMPLE—

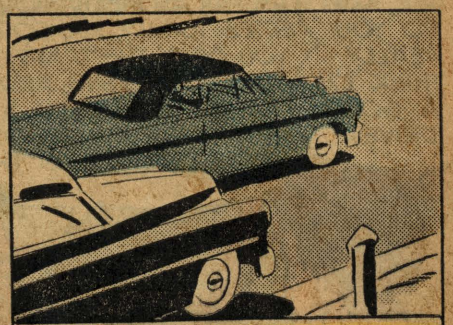
--YOU MIGHT HAVE SLOWED DOWN AND WAITED UNTIL THAT CAR CAME OUT OF THE SIDE STREET. I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT **SPORTSMANSHIP...** OR GIVING THE OTHER FELLOW A BREAK. IT HELPS STOP A LOT OF ACCIDENTS BEFORE THEY START.

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, SKIP. I GUESS IT'S THOSE LITTLE THINGS THAT HELP KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE.

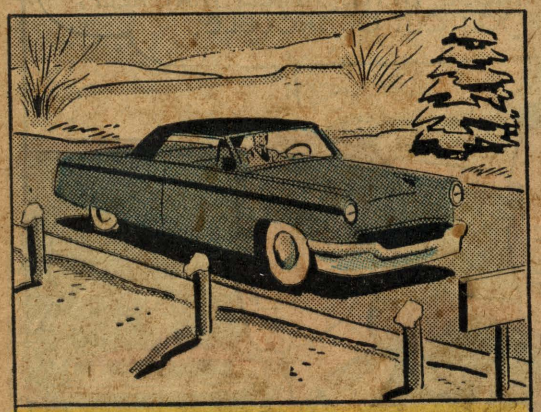
SPEAKING OF TROUBLE, I HAVE ANOTHER FILM FOR YOU AND BETTY TO SEE. WE'LL RUN IT TONIGHT.



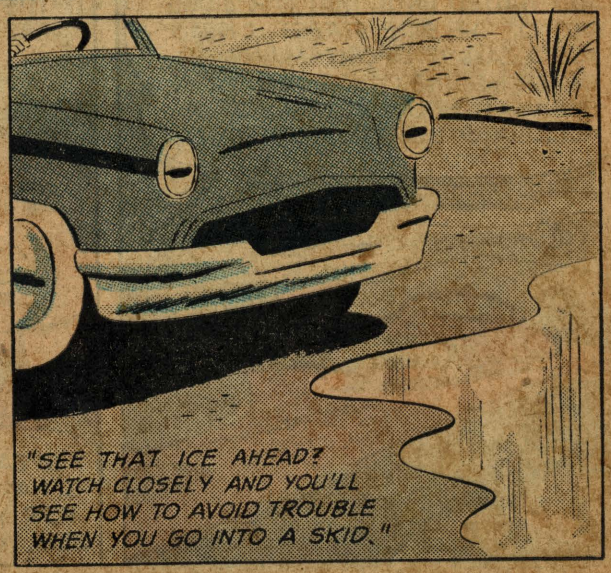




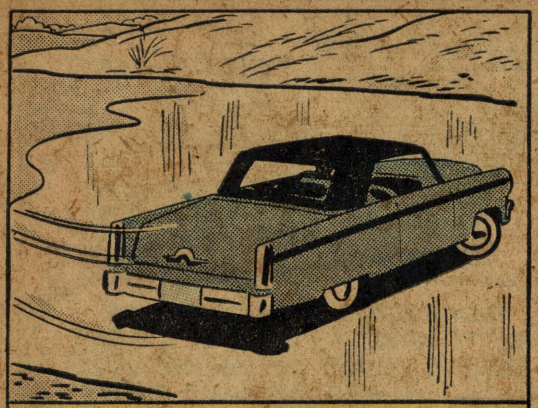
"**ALWAYS PASS ON THE LEFT SIDE** EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE INDICATED—AND BEFORE YOU DO, GIVE THE DRIVER AHEAD A WARNING BEEP ON YOUR HORN. THIS COMES UNDER THE HEADING OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP **AND** GOOD DRIVING."



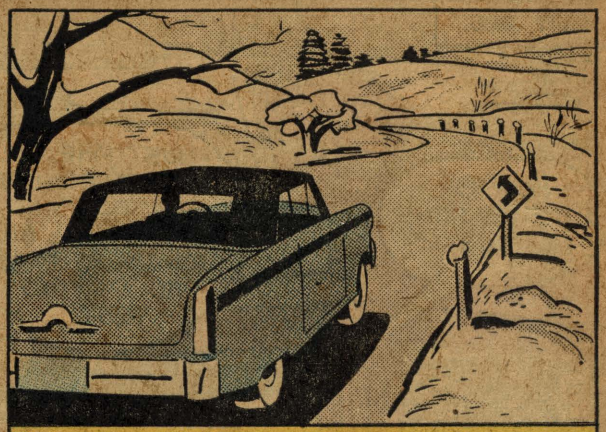
"AFTER YOU'VE PASSED, **RETURN TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AND STAY IN ONE LANE.** THIS GIVES THE **NEXT** FELLOW A CHANCE TO PASS YOU, IF HE WANTS TO."



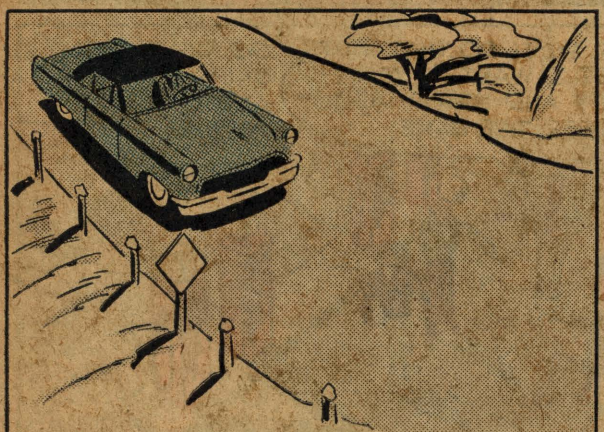
"SEE THAT ICE AHEAD? WATCH CLOSELY AND YOU'LL SEE HOW TO AVOID TROUBLE WHEN YOU GO INTO A SKID."



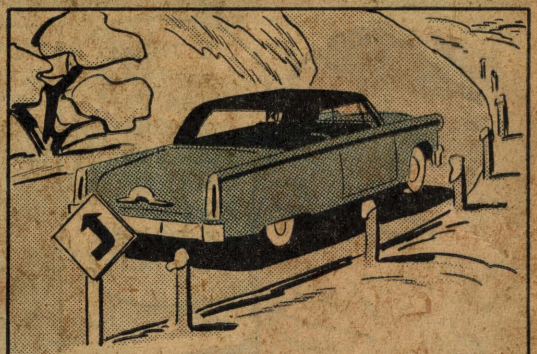
"SEE THAT SKID? AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS, YOU SHOULD BEGIN TO STEER IN THE **SAME DIRECTION** THE REAR-END IS SKIDDING. KEEP THE CAR IN GEAR AND **KEEP YOUR FOOT OFF THE BRAKE.** NOW, WATCH..."



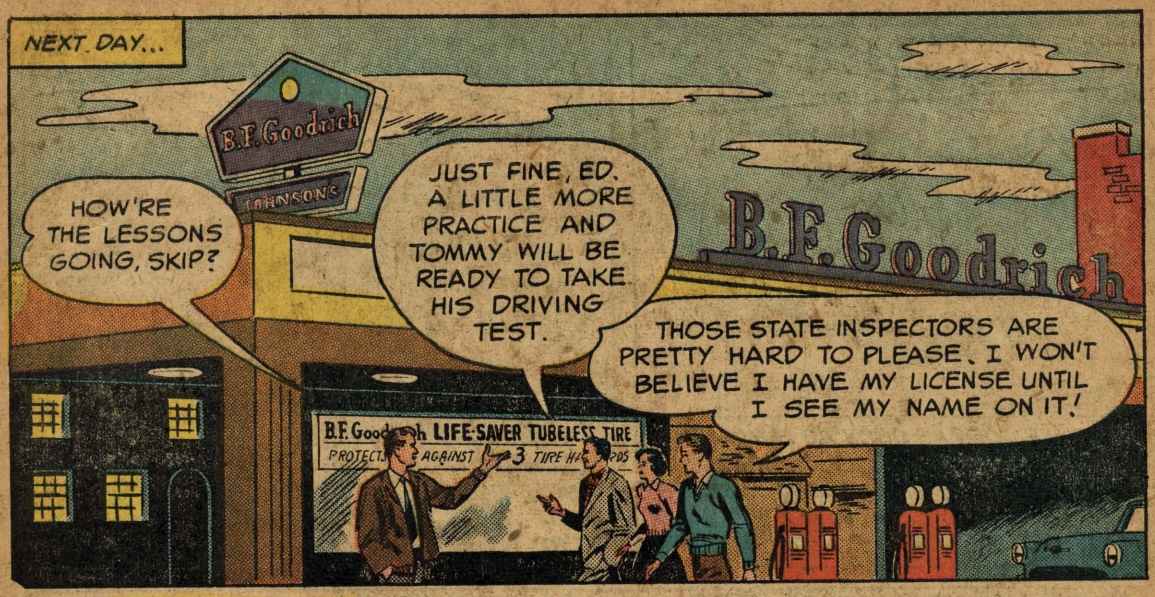
"...SEE HOW HE CAME OUT OF THAT SKID? THAT'S BECAUSE HE DID THE THINGS I JUST TOLD YOU TO AVOID TROUBLE. OH-OH, HERE COMES A SHARP CURVE..."



"SEE HOW HE SLOWS DOWN AS HE **APPROACHES** THE CURVE? NOW WATCH HOW HE PICKS UP SPEED WHILE **ON** THE CURVE..."



"MOST FOLKS DON'T REALIZE THAT A CAR WILL HUG THE ROAD BETTER WHEN THE ENGINE IS PULLING. THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN **BEFORE** YOU GET TO THE CURVE, AND PRESS DOWN **GENTLY** ON THE GAS PEDAL WHILE YOU'RE MAKING THE TURN."


NEXT DAY...
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JOHNSON'S
HOW'RE THE LESSONS GOING, SKIP?
JUST FINE, ED. A LITTLE MORE PRACTICE AND TOMMY WILL BE READY TO TAKE HIS DRIVING TEST.
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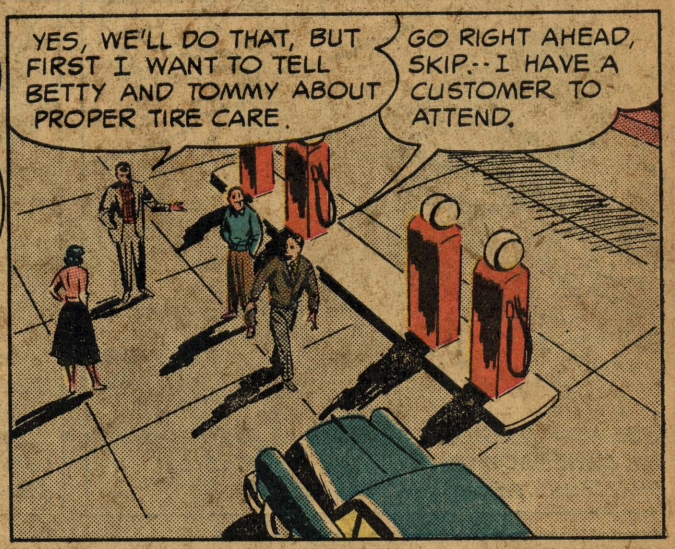
THOSE STATE INSPECTORS ARE PRETTY HARD TO PLEASE. I WON'T BELIEVE I HAVE MY LICENSE UNTIL I SEE MY NAME ON IT!
LIFE-SAVER TUBELESS TIRE

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO? OR DID YOU JUST STOP BY TO CHECK OIL, WATER AND TIRES?


YES, WE'LL DO THAT, BUT FIRST I WANT TO TELL BETTY AND TOMMY ABOUT PROPER TIRE CARE.
GO RIGHT AHEAD, SKIP.--I HAVE A CUSTOMER TO ATTEND.

IT'S A GOOD THING TO REMEMBER THAT **BRAKES** STOP YOUR **WHEELS**, BUT TIRES STOP YOUR **CAR!** BY THAT I MEAN THE TIRE IS THE ACTUAL CONTACT BETWEEN CAR AND PAVEMENT. YOU CAN APPLY YOUR BRAKES, BUT IF YOUR TIRES AREN'T IN GOOD CONDITION, YOUR CAR WON'T STOP PROPERLY.
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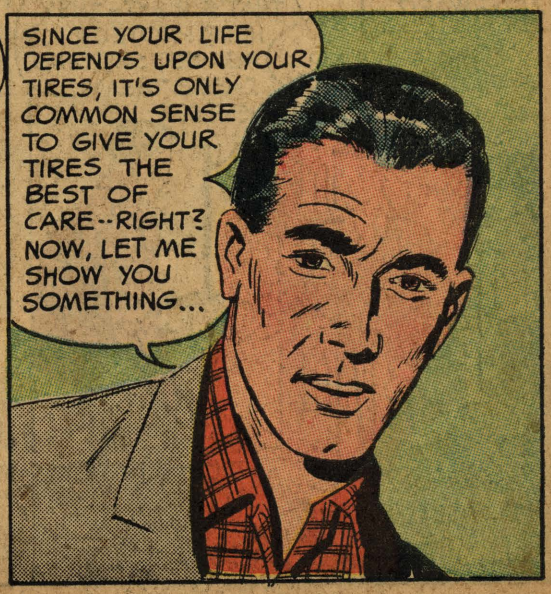

SINCE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON YOUR TIRES, IT'S ONLY COMMON SENSE TO GIVE YOUR TIRES THE BEST OF CARE--RIGHT? NOW, LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING...

THANKS, SKIP, WE'LL READ IT FOR SURE. GEE, BETTY, LOOK AT THESE TIPS.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR TIRES

① **DON'T DRIVE AT HIGH SPEEDS.** High speed causes heat to build up inside the tire, and heat is rubber's worst enemy.

② **INSPECT YOUR TIRES WEEKLY.** Keep the air pressure up to normal. Under-inflated tires wear out faster.

③ **DON'T DRIVE ON A FLAT TIRE.** Your tire will be quickly ruined beyond repair by the wheel-rim.

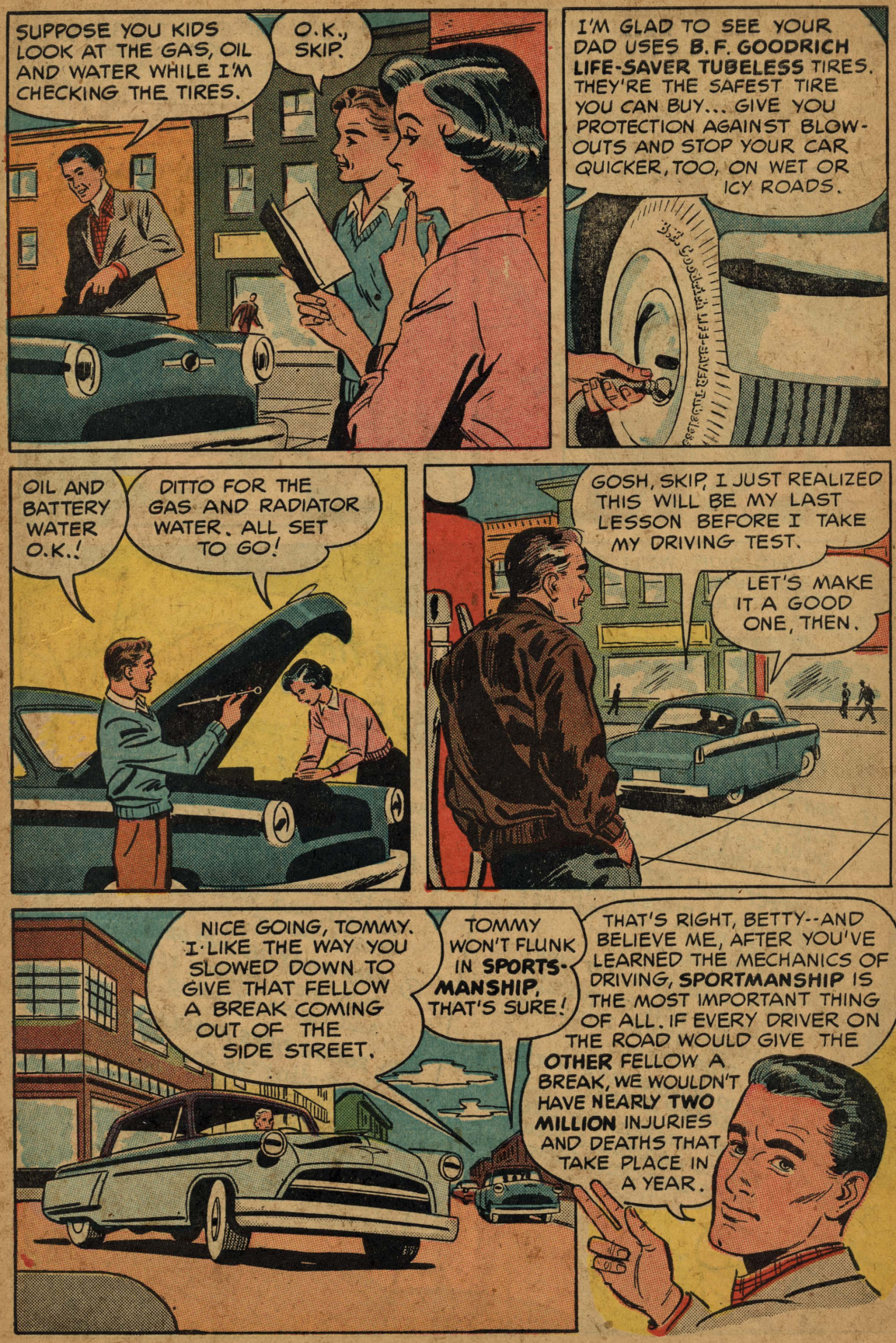
④ **AVOID DRIVING OVER HOLES OR SHARP ROCKS.** These weaken the tire fabric and make weak spots that cause blow-outs.

⑤ **AVOID QUICK STARTS AND STOPS.** They scuff off more tread than you realize, and shorten the life of your tires.

⑥ **KEEP YOUR BRAKES ADJUSTED.** Uneven brakes make one or two tires do the work of four, and wear out treads faster.

⑦ **KEEP AWAY OIL AND GREASE.** They make rubber rot, and cause skidding.

⑧ **ROTATE TIRES REGULARLY,** including the spare. This will even-up the wear on all tires and keep them in first-class condition longer. Let your service station show you how.


SUPPOSE YOU KIDS LOOK AT THE GAS, OIL AND WATER WHILE I'M CHECKING THE TIRES.
O.K., SKIP.
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOUR DAD USES B.F. GOODRICH LIFE-SAVER TUBELESS TIRES. THEY'RE THE SAFEST TIRE YOU CAN BUY... GIVE YOU PROTECTION AGAINST BLOW-OUTS AND STOP YOUR CAR QUICKER, TOO, ON WET OR ICY ROADS.
OIL AND BATTERY WATER O.K.!
DITTO FOR THE GAS AND RADIATOR WATER. ALL SET TO GO!
GOSH, SKIP, I JUST REALIZED THIS WILL BE MY LAST LESSON BEFORE I TAKE MY DRIVING TEST.
LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD ONE, THEN.
NICE GOING, TOMMY. I LIKE THE WAY YOU SLOWED DOWN TO GIVE THAT FELLOW A BREAK COMING OUT OF THE SIDE STREET.
TOMMY WON'T FLUNK IN SPORTS-MANSHIP, THAT'S SURE!
THAT'S RIGHT, BETTY--AND BELIEVE ME, AFTER YOU'VE LEARNED THE MECHANICS OF DRIVING, SPORTMANSHIP IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL. IF EVERY DRIVER ON THE ROAD WOULD GIVE THE OTHER FELLOW A BREAK, WE WOULDN'T HAVE NEARLY TWO MILLION INJURIES AND DEATHS THAT TAKE PLACE IN A YEAR.

CHAPTER III

THERE'S EXCITEMENT IN THE JOHNSON HOME ON THE MORNING OF TOMMY'S DRIVING TEST...

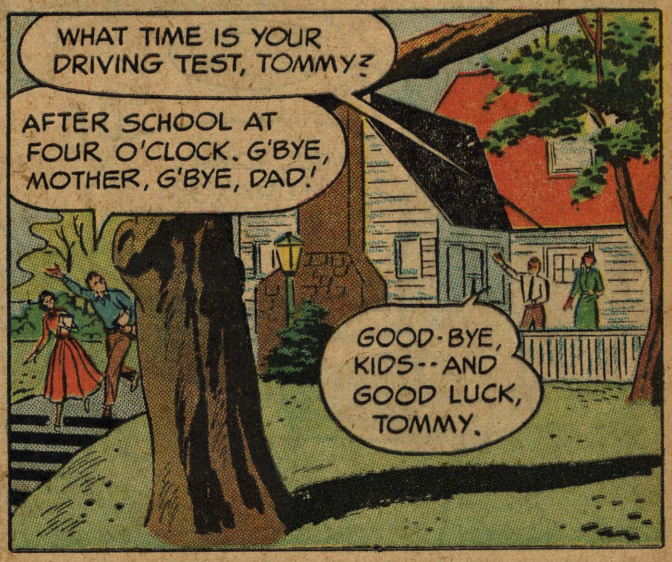
WELL, TOMMY, TODAY'S YOUR BIG DAY. ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR TEST?

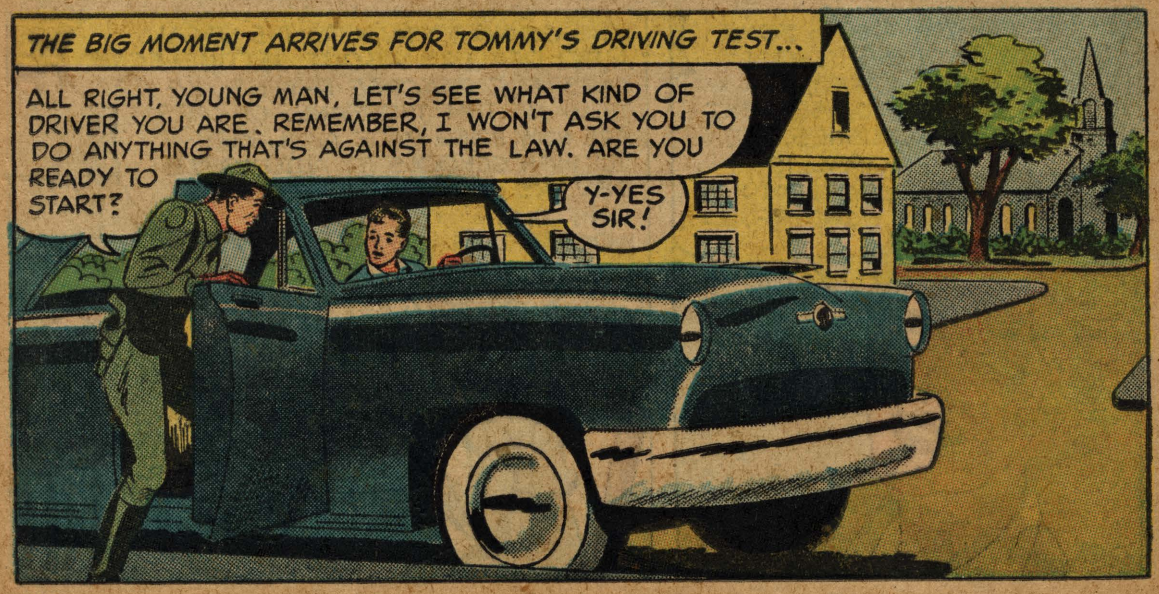
READY AS I'LL EVER BE, MOM. GOSH, THIS IS WORSE THAN TAKING A FINAL EXAM--I HAVE BUTTERFLIES IN MY STOMACH AS BIG AS BALLOONS!

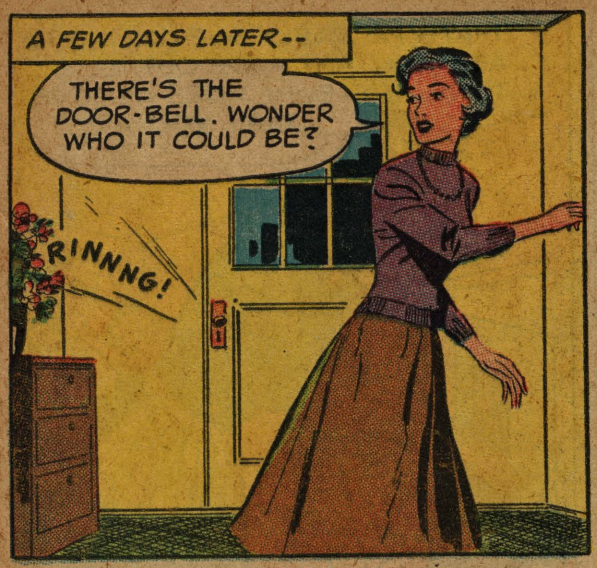
THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR ME, MOM! I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE COURSE NEXT YEAR. I CAN HARDLY WAIT!

THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR ME, TOO! HERE'S A NOTICE FROM MY INSURANCE COMPANY SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO REDUCE RATES FOR FAMILIES WHOSE TEEN-AGERS HAVE HAD DRIVER-EDUCATION IN HIGH-SCHOOL!

EIGHT-TWENTY-FIVE--COME ON, SIS, WE'D BETTER GET GOING IF WE'RE GOING TO CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS.

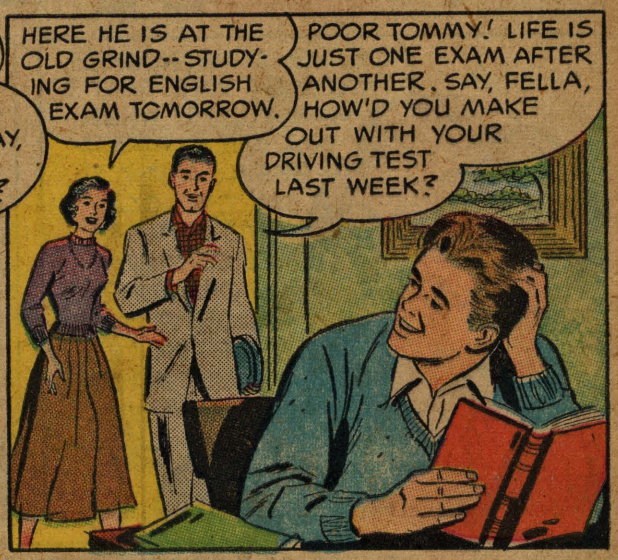

WHAT TIME IS YOUR DRIVING TEST, TOMMY?
AFTER SCHOOL AT FOUR O'CLOCK. G'BYE, MOTHER, G'BYE, DAD!
GOOD-BYE, KIDS--AND GOOD LUCK, TOMMY.


THE BIG MOMENT ARRIVES FOR TOMMY'S DRIVING TEST...
ALL RIGHT, YOUNG MAN, LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF DRIVER YOU ARE. REMEMBER, I WON'T ASK YOU TO DO ANYTHING THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW. ARE YOU READY TO START?
Y-YES SIR!

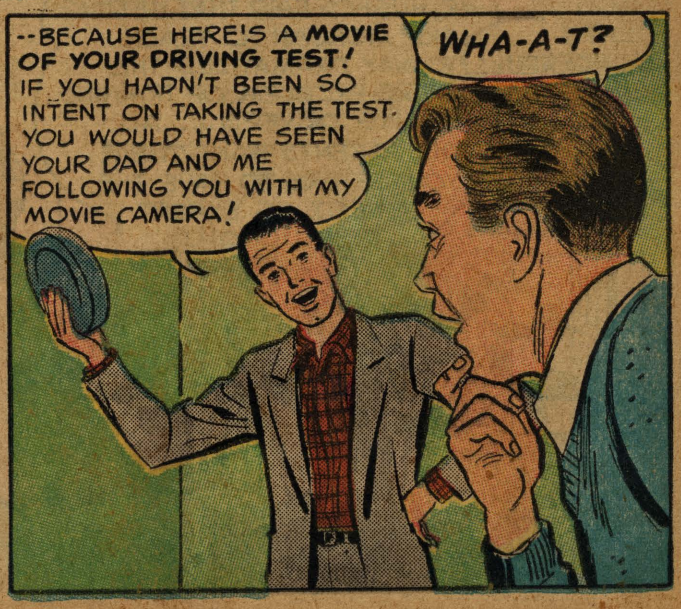

A FEW DAYS LATER--
THERE'S THE DOOR-BELL. WONDER WHO IT COULD BE?
RINNNG!

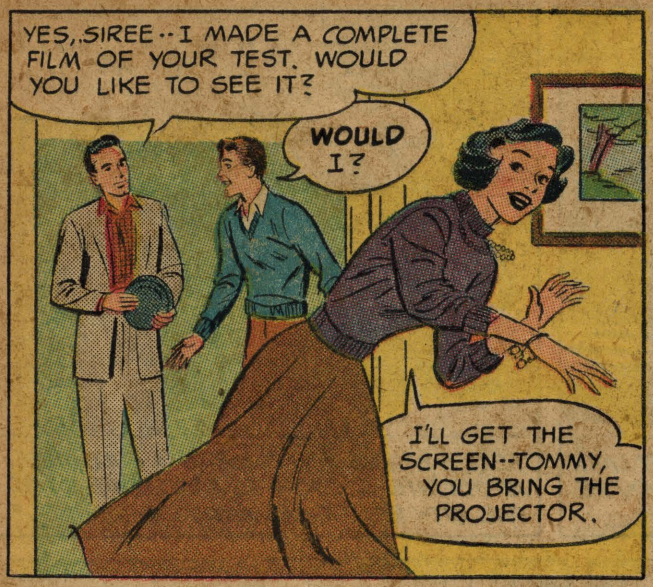
SKIP! I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN US!
I SHOULD SAY NOT! HOW'S THE FAMILY, BETTY?

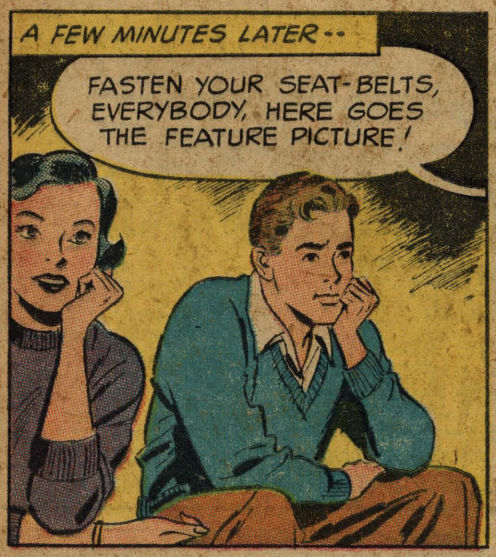
EVERYONE'S FINE. MOTHER AND DAD WENT TO THE MOVIES. SAY, DID YOU HEAR THE BIG NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL STARTING A DRIVER-EDUCATION COURSE NEXT TERM?
I SURE DID. ISN'T THAT GREAT? BY THE WAY, WHERE'S TOMMY?

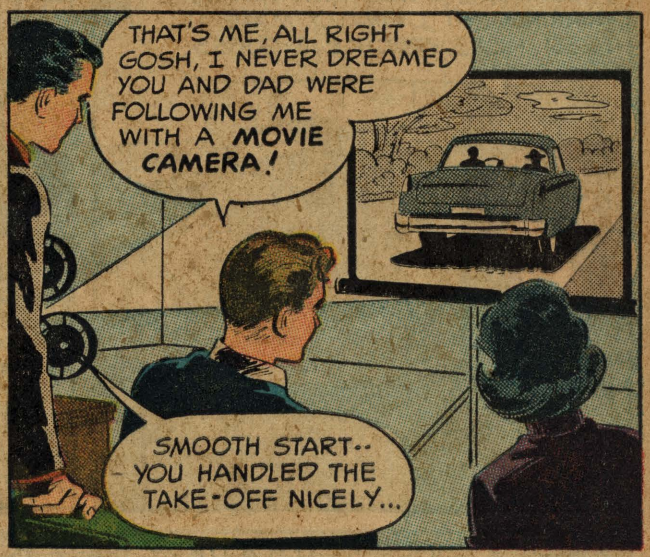

HERE HE IS AT THE OLD GRIND--STUDYING FOR ENGLISH EXAM TOMORROW.
POOR TOMMY! LIFE IS JUST ONE EXAM AFTER ANOTHER. SAY, FELLA, HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT WITH YOUR DRIVING TEST LAST WEEK?

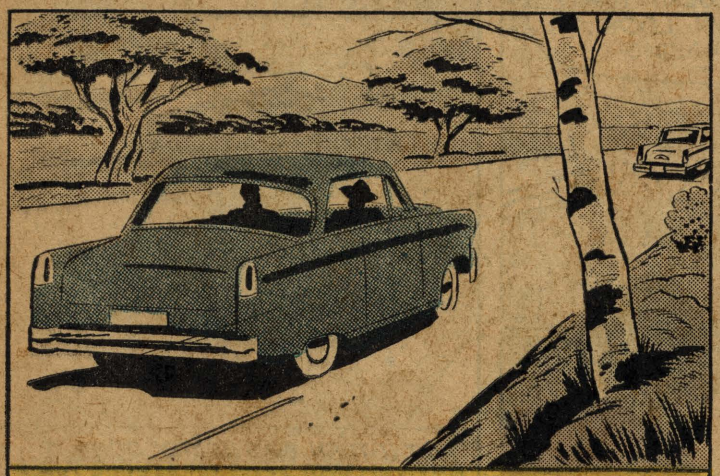
I WISH I KNEW, SKIP. STILL HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD. NOW, I'M **REALLY** GETTING WORRIED.
WELL, IN THAT CASE, MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU OUT--


--BECAUSE HERE'S A **MOVIE OF YOUR DRIVING TEST!** IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO INTENT ON TAKING THE TEST. YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN YOUR DAD AND ME FOLLOWING YOU WITH MY MOVIE CAMERA!
WHA-A-T?

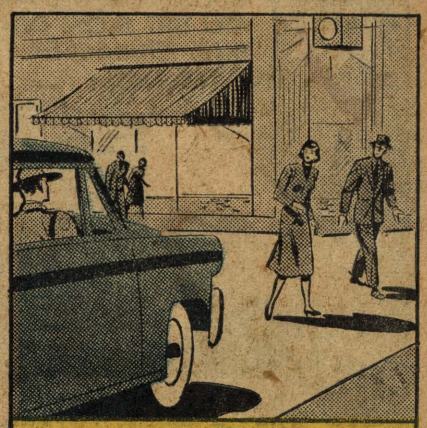




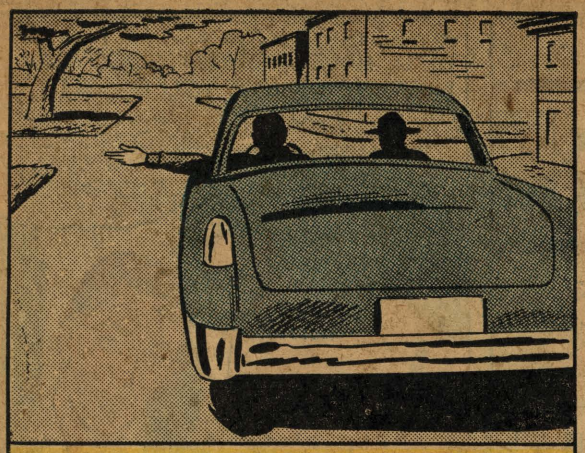




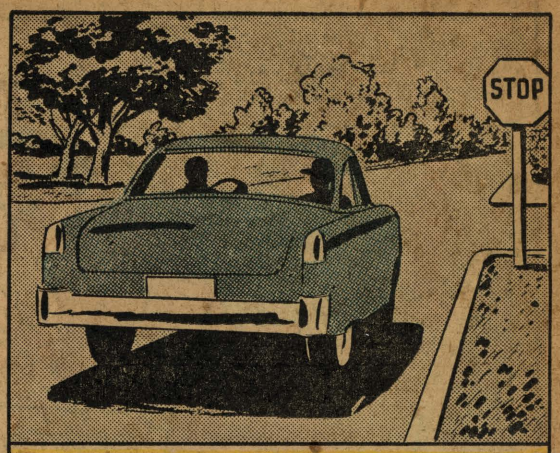
"WELL, YOU'RE DOING FINE SO FAR... TRAVELING AT MODERATE SPEED WELL OVER TO THE RIGHT... AND KEEPING A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE CAR AHEAD."



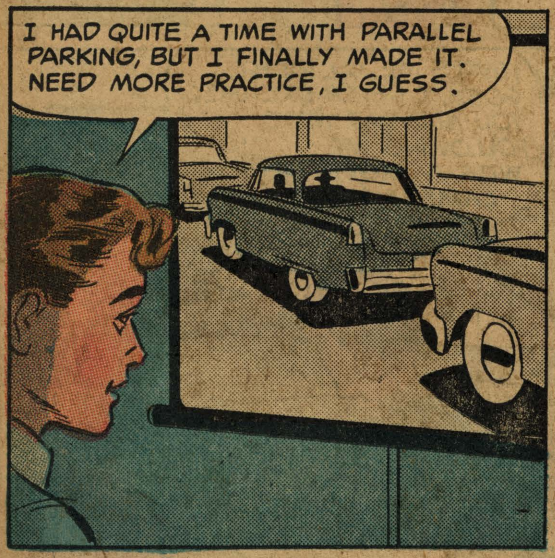
"YOU SLOWED DOWN AT THE CAUTION LIGHT AND ALLOWED SOME PEOPLE TO CROSS OVER. NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR DRIVING COURTESY."

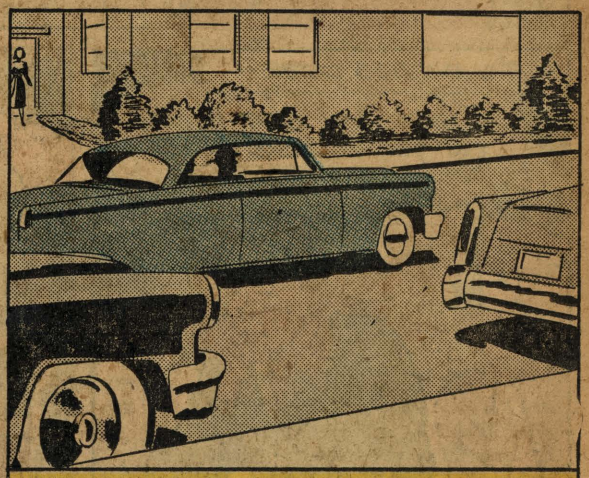


"NOW YOU'VE SWUNG OVER INTO THE LEFT LANE BEFORE MAKING A LEFT TURN... AND YOU'RE GIVING THE CORRECT ARM-SIGNAL."

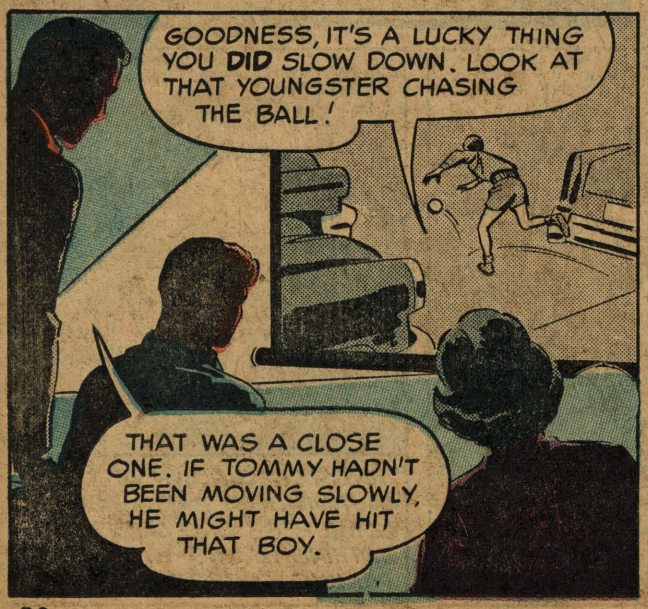


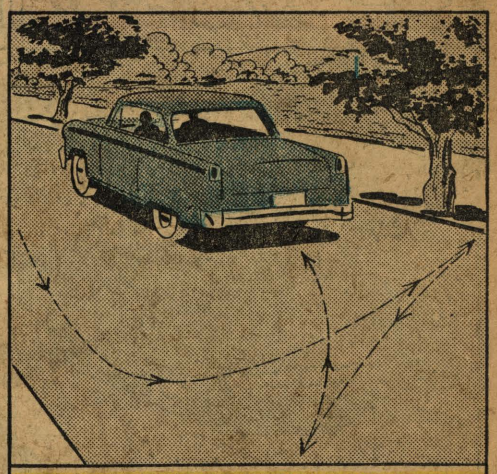
"HERE'S WHERE YOU CAME TO A FULL STOP AT THE INTERSECTION. SO FAR YOU'RE DOING FINE WITH ROAD-SIGNS AND ARM-SIGNALS."



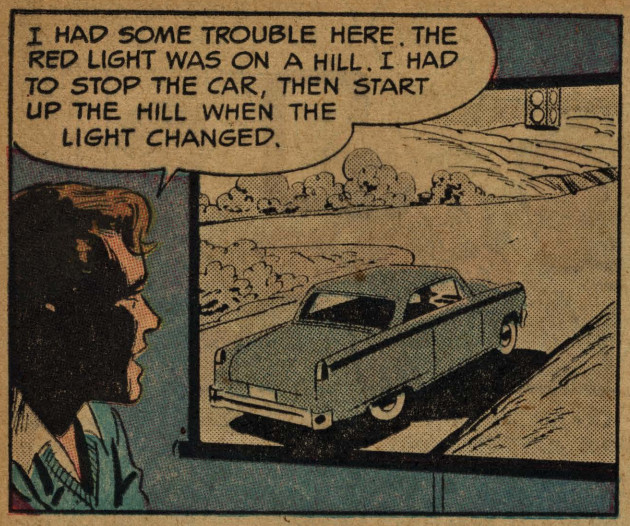


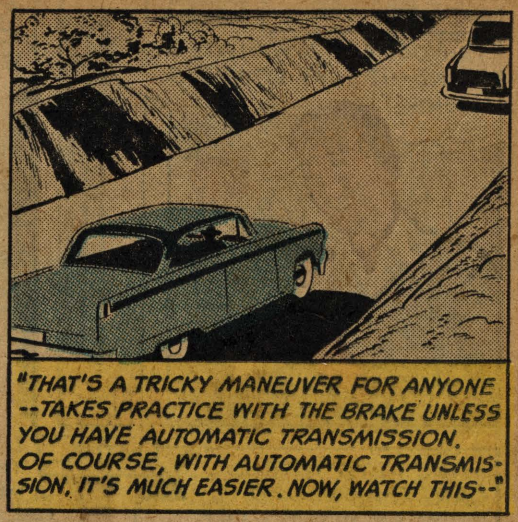
"NOW YOU'RE SLOWING DOWN AS YOU GO PAST THOSE PARKED CARS. VERY GOOD."

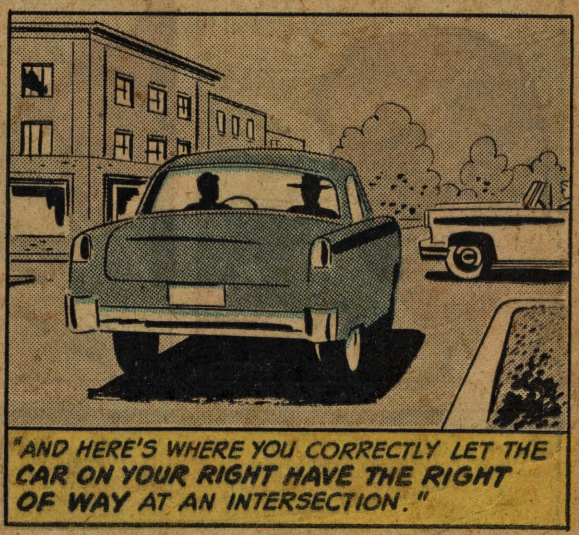




"THAT U-TURN WAS NEATLY DONE. I NOTICED YOU KEPT YOUR EYES OPEN FOR TRAFFIC COMING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WHEN YOU MADE IT."







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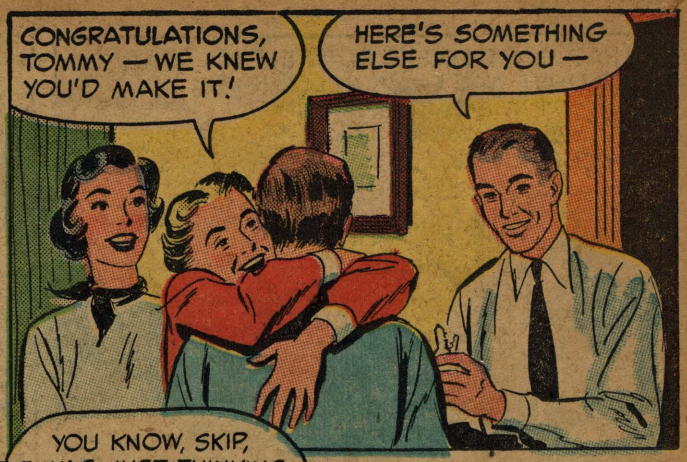

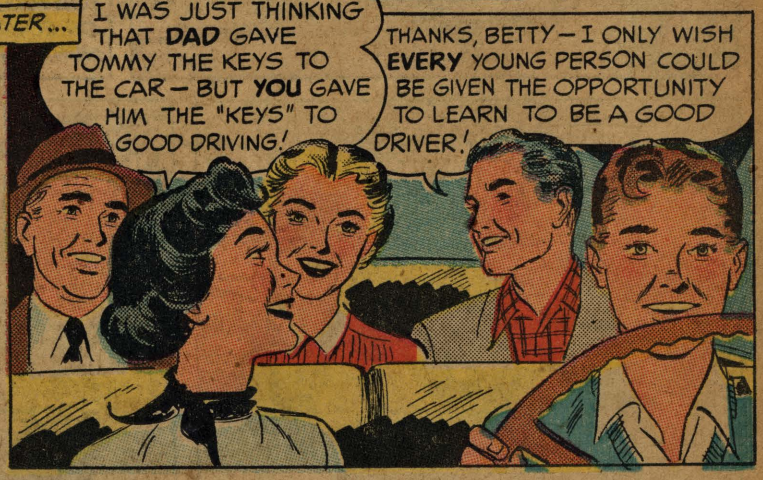

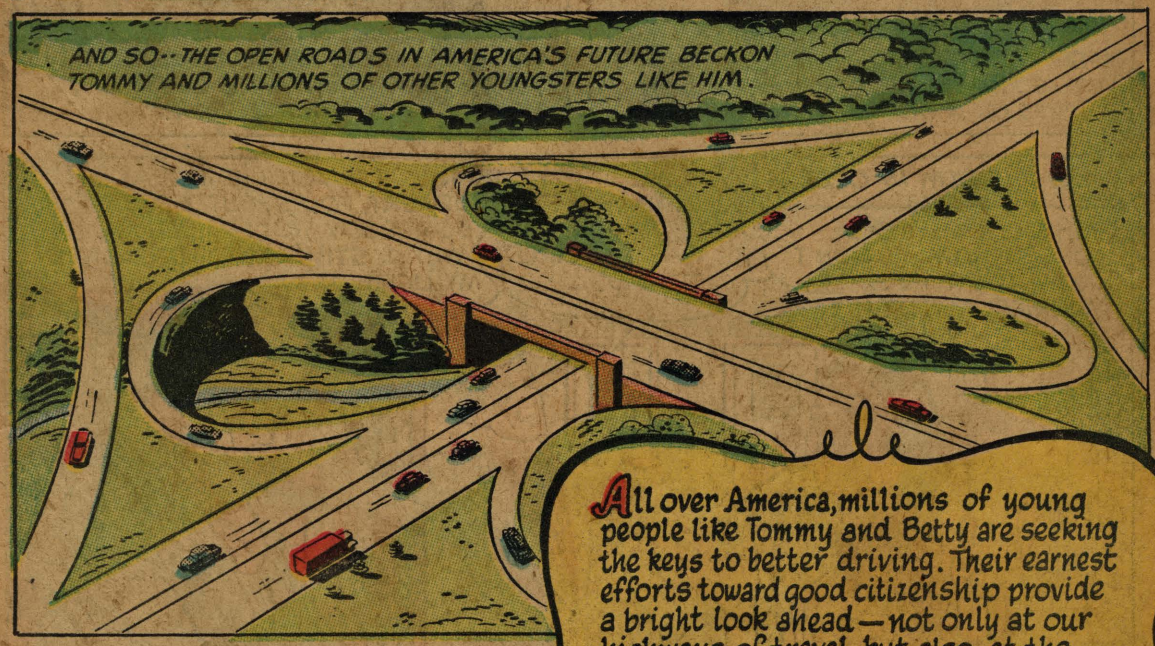

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